

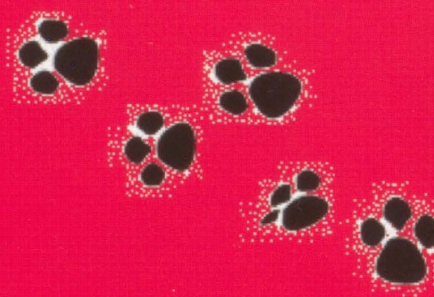
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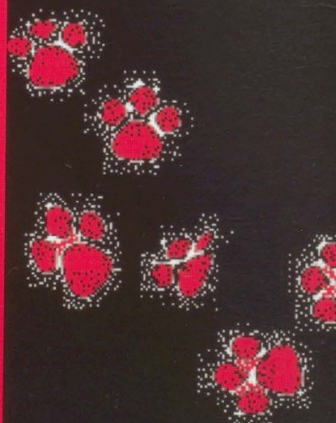


"A successful man
is one who can lay a
firm foundation with
the bricks that others
throw at him."
- Sidney Greenberg



"The elevator to success is
out of order. You'll have to
take the stairs... one step at
a time." - Joe Girard

"My biggest challenge is get-
ting to my classes because
they are somewhat far away
from each other."
- Taylor Bacewic, 9



By: Ashley Warren &
Michael Roth

"Playing varsity volleyball
as a freshman was my big-
gest accomplishment."

- Jillian Warner, 9

"Learning how to read
guitar music for jazz band
and orchestra was my big-
gest challenge."

- Robert Fraticelli, 11

"Winning conference
in my weight class (195
lbs) was my greatest
achievement of my high
school career."

- Joel Bolen, 12

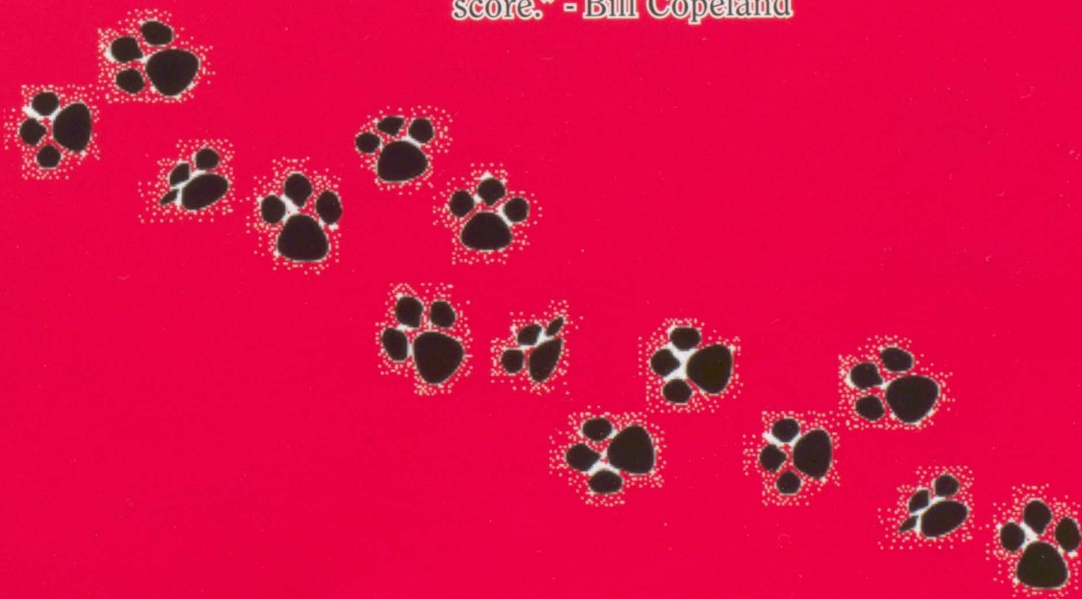
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high school is being active
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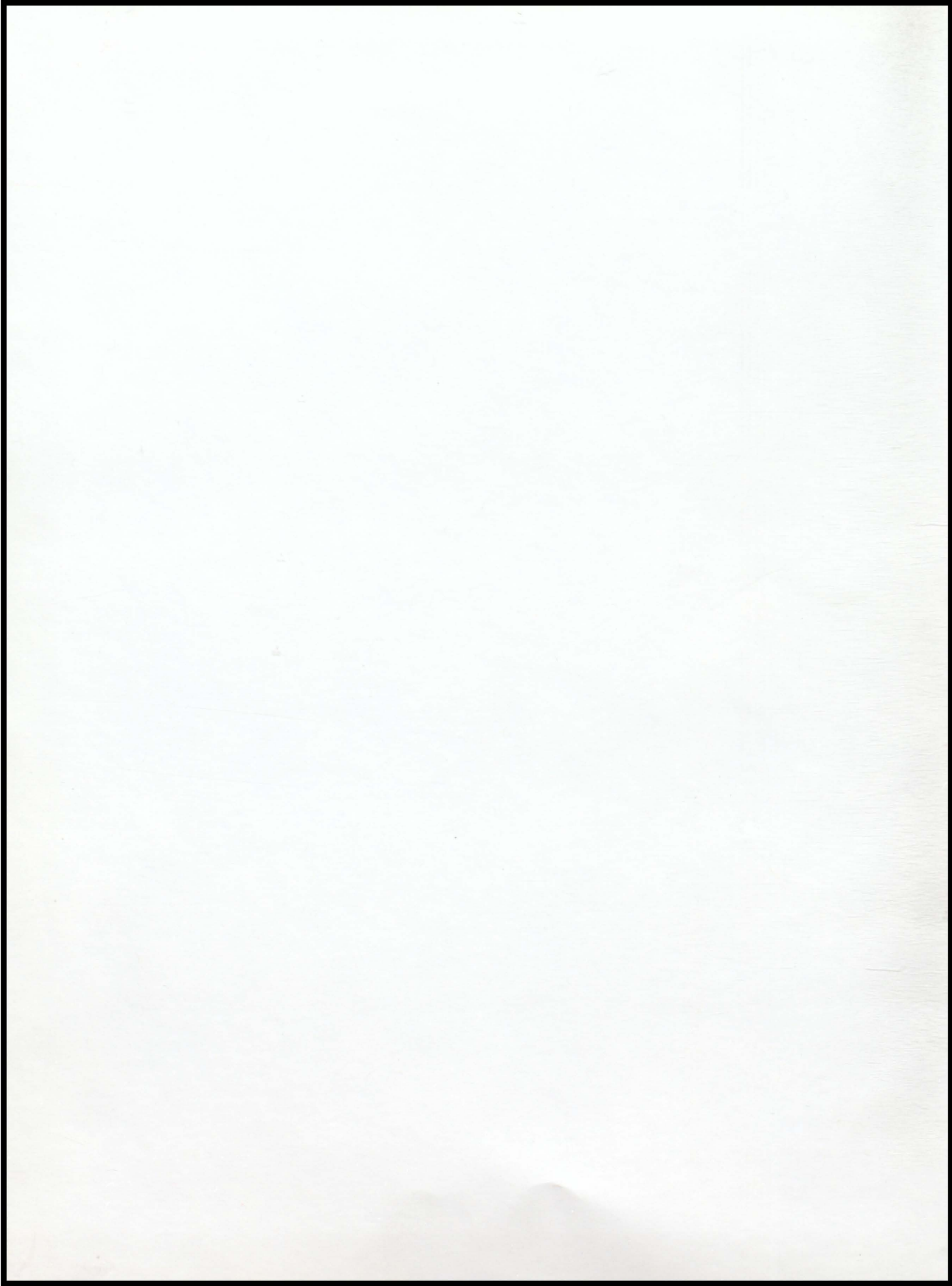
- Corissa Abell, 10

"My biggest challenge
was passing all my
classes and getting all
my credits."

- Yerenire Rodriguez, 12

"The trouble with not having
a goal is that you can spend
your whole life running up
and down the field and never
score." - Bill Copeland



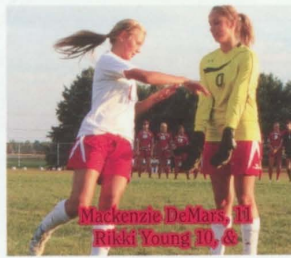




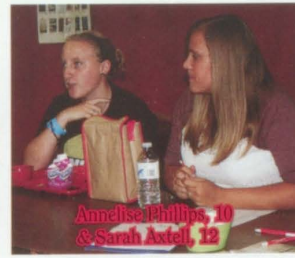
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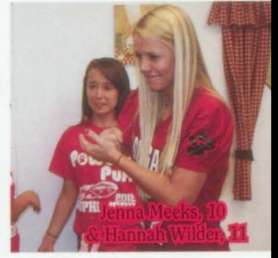
Madeline Klauer, 10



Mackenzie DeMars, 11
Rikki Young, 10, &



Annalise Phillips, 10
& Sarah Axell, 12



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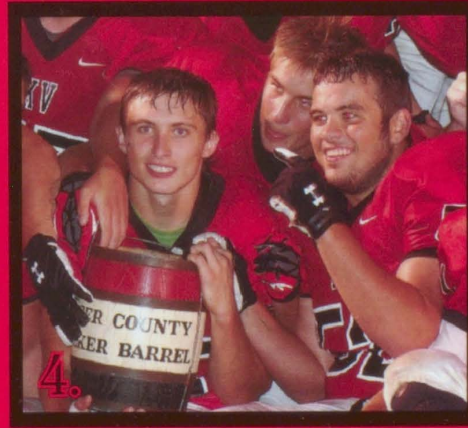


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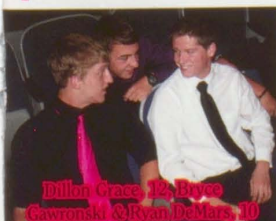
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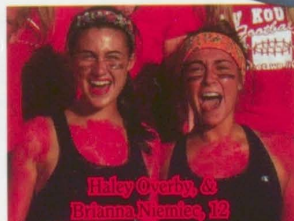
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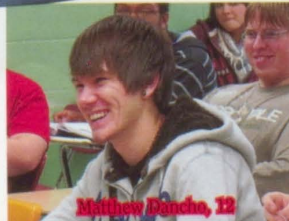
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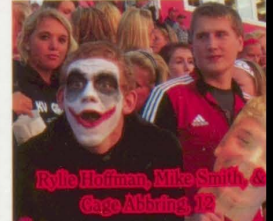
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Matthew Dooch, 12



Jordan Clark, 11



Ryle Hoffman, Mike Smith, & Gage Abbing, 12

Staff chooses "180 Day Challenge"

School started, and the countdown began. One hundred and eighty days meant 180 different individual challenges. Striving to meet the goal, studying all night to achieve the best grade possible, and practicing for the biggest game of the season were just a few of the events. Whatever it was, each special moment had a significance.

"Getting a theme that encompassed the entire school as a whole was hard. You have such a variety of people and things going on during the school year. Condensing that all down into one common theme was not the easiest thing to do, plus it still had to be

understood by the student body," said senior co-editor Shelby Hurst.

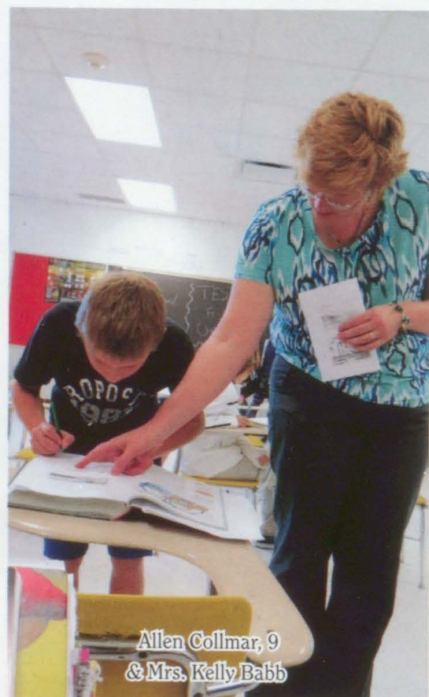
Challenges included resurfacing the parking lot, finding new bus slots, removing the tree island, and the opening of the West Annex.

Football played to packed houses as they pounded out an 8-2 season. Girls' basketball moved into the Top 10 teams in Northwest Indiana after their 5-1 start under Coach Ryan Myers.

In November, Principal Lobsiger was informed that KV had earned a B rating with a score of 3.4. An A was 3.5. Other positives were Four Star School status, and Gold Band status.

Junior Robert Fraticelli was chosen one of three trombonists to play in the State Honor Band, Joli Jungles earned Academic All Star Athlete, Economics Team placed first in Area Competition, and Alyssa Matson won first at the State Harvey Awards for Yearbook Sports. "There are so many challenges with the pressure of being a four star school, but it still makes me feel like I can achieve higher goals than I did before the rating," pointed out Senior Class President Shelby Schoon.

Whether academically or athletically, expectations were elevated as teens challenged themselves to achieve.



Allen Collmar, 9
& Mrs. Kelly Babb

Seniors Kaitlin Boonstra and Brittany Braden attempt to calm their nerves before they get up in front of Mrs. Chicki's speech class to give their persuasive speeches. "I was so nervous to give my speech. Acting silly really helped calm my nerves down and made it easier to give my speech," commented Boonstra.



Bethany Jansma, Anna Lewis,
Kara Duran, 11

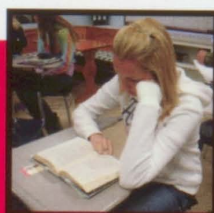
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Savannah Johnson, 10



Jordan Kroll, 12



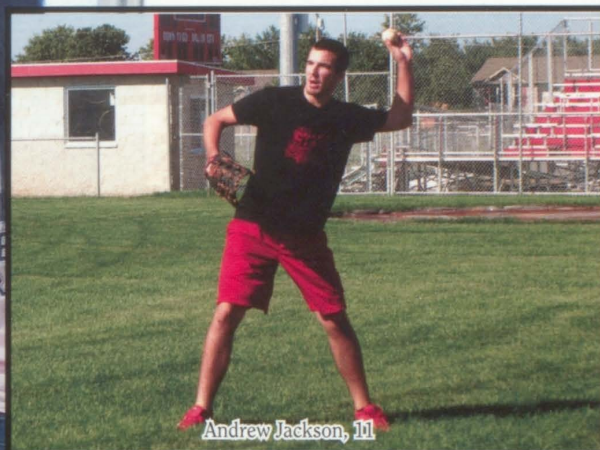
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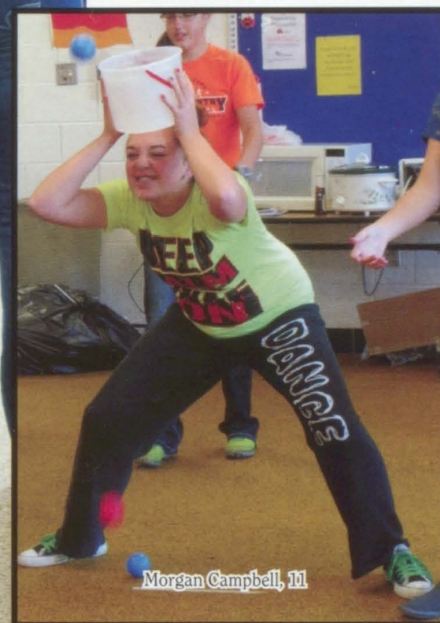
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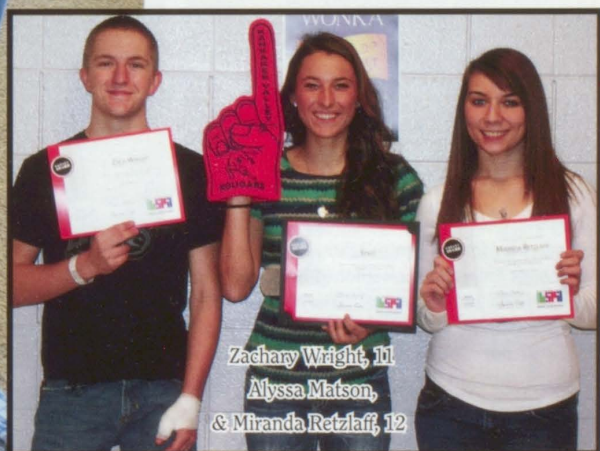
In Mrs. Kay Masten's German class, senior Rachel Krupa helps junior Justin Early balance a Hostess treat on his forehead for the Unicorn game to celebrate October Fest.
 Photo by T. Adams



Andrew Jackson, 11

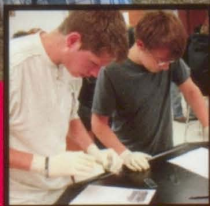


Morgan Campbell, 11



Zachary Wright, 11
 Alyssa Matson,
 & Miranda Retzlaff, 12

Judith Smart, 9



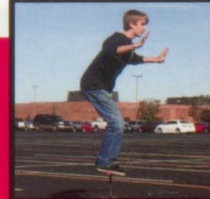
Ryan DeMars, 10
 & Kevin Orsborn, 11

Sarah Astell, 12



Henry Shelby, 11

Daniel Hinchey, 12



Michael Roth, 11

Middle-classmen win BIG

Kicking off Homecoming with a bang, girls showed just how spirited they really were for Powder Puff. On Monday, the halls filled with jerseys and superfan shirts. "I loved being Sarah Axtell's superfan! Fan Day definitely brings the class together, and it shows support for the whole team," said senior Kimberly Stalbaum.

Freshman and sophomore game pumped up the crowd as sophomore Mykenzie Seegers led her grade to victory with three touchdowns along with one touchdown from her teammate Kala Beenes. During third quarter,

freshman Judith Smart got her team on the board. Final score was 34-6.

Music played loudly, coaches gave motivational speeches, and teams ran through balloon arches as juniors and seniors took the field. During the first quarter, junior Hannah Wilder gave her team their first touchdown. Shortly afterwards, Ashley Norberg, Hannah Wilder, and Leanna Mulloy broke through the defensive line, ran as fast as they could, and scored four more consecutive touchdowns.

Play became tough for the girls in the second half as the temperature

dropped, and fog filled the field. Balls were fumbled and dropped frequently, which made the competition even tougher for the teams as they fought the elements in addition to each other.

Alysia Beenes turned the spirit of the game around for the seniors and made their first and only touchdown during the third quarter. Final score was 40-8. "Winning the game was extremely rewarding for our team. It made me realize that all of our hard work and dedication really did pay off in the end," added junior quarterback Megan Kinney.



Hannah Wilder, 11

Defensive line is one of the most difficult positions to play for the senior team. "It was a lot of hard work for us. It took a lot to break through the junior's offensive line. They were really tough, but an exciting team to compete against," added senior lineman Brittany Hale. Waiting to break through the offensive line were Casey Voigt, Maranda Brown, and Taurie Piatt.



Kalini Tufono, 12

Jamie Stovall, 12

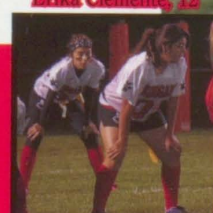
Heather DeWitt & Erika Clemente, 12



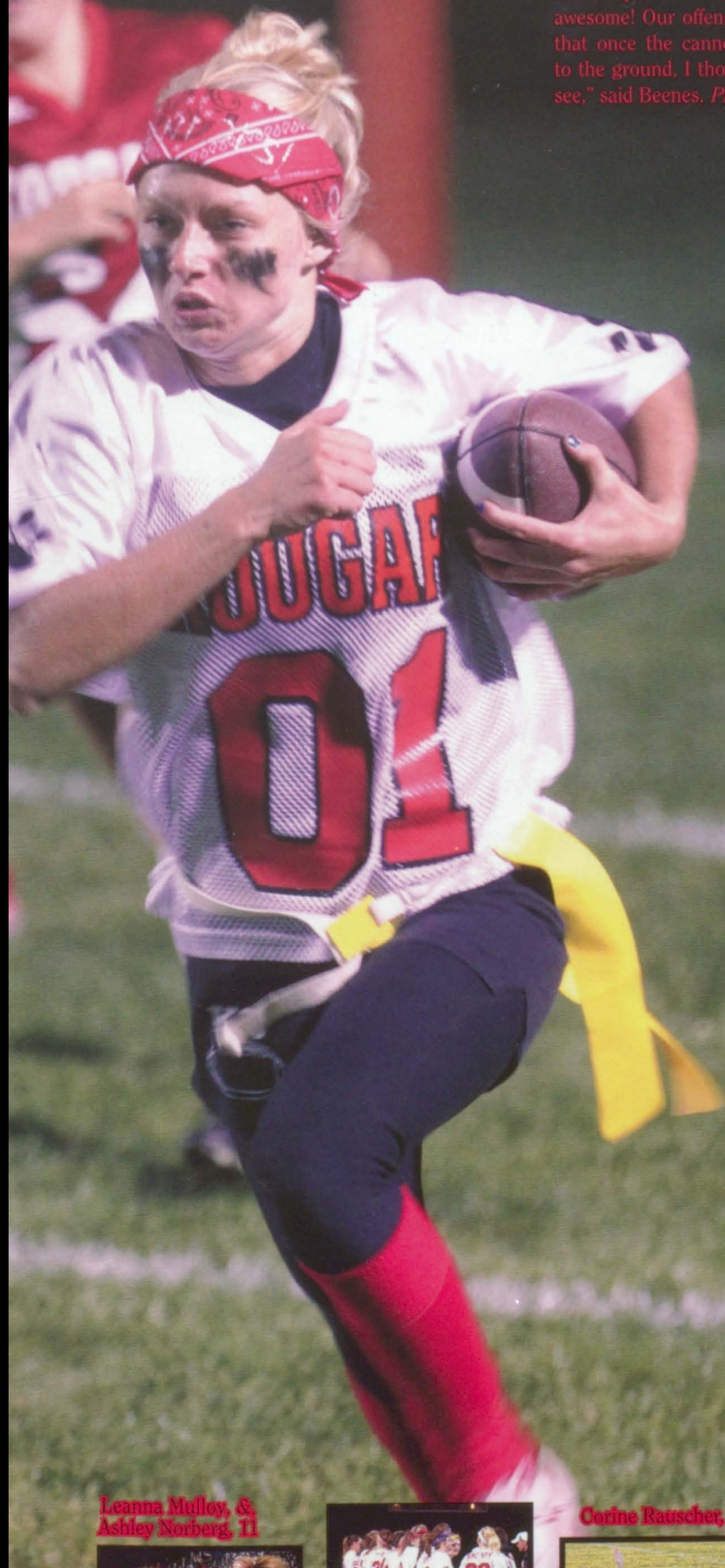
Mykenzie Seegers, 10



Freshmen



Senior Alysia Beenes runs the ball into the end zone for the seniors first touchdown in the fourth quarter. "Scoring our touchdown was awesome! Our offense planned before the game that once the cannon went off, we'd all crash to the ground, I thought that was really cool to see," said Beenes. *Photo by T. Sparks*

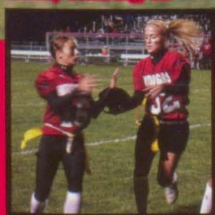


Juniors: Row 1: Taylor Shaffer, Asslie Clemente, Karla Duran, Leanna Mulloy, Amber Southard, Courtney Brzezinski, Stephanie Davila, Megan Ratliff Row 2: Paige Myers, Maria Perez, Christiana Easton, Lacey Myers, Adelaide Forden, Cynthia Atkinson, Ashley Jarrette, Erin Uhrhammer Row 3: Madison Babicka, Cassandra Shevock, Katelin Gilbert, Hannah Misch, Megan Higgeson, Miryam Herrera, Natalie Lotz, Rachel Milligan Row 4: Coach Dave Veldman, Audra Lewis, Hannah Wilder, Abbey Sittema, Deanna Hardin, Megan Kinney, Ariel Garcia, Madison Alexander, Ashley Norberg, Ryley Black, Coach Allen Martin, Coach Curt Martin



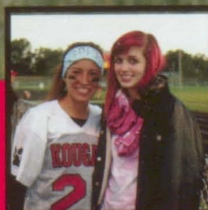
Seniors: Row 1: Rejean Almira, Tori Brodner Row 2: Casey Voigt, Alyssa Matson, Maranda Brown, Coach Tricia Novak, Kirstie Jones, Alysia Beenes, Brianna Niemiec Row 3: Erika Clemente, Jamie Stovall, Taurie Piatt, Sabrina Misiak, Melanie Loslo Row 4: Lindsey Fenstermaker, Rylie Hoffman, Maribeth Strong, Danielle Zarembo, Sarah Axte, Alexxus Thomason, Kailani Tuiono, Brittany Hilton Row 5: Gabrielle Henning, Heather DeWitt, Felicia Jones, Brittney Hale, Brittany Braden, Kaitlin Boonstra, Adanna Oney, Keshia Molden, Karley Miller, Ashlyn Carlson-Burke

Leanna Mulloy, & Ashley Norberg, 11



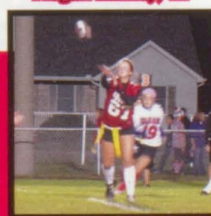
Seniors

Corine Rauscher, 10



Alexxus Thomason, 12
Lindsey Holley, 10

Megan Kinney, 11



By Miranda Retzlaff
Photos provided by:
Rachel Milligan, Cody
Bailey, Tom Sparks

Masquerade links fall to fun

From the Masquerade Dance on September 22, all the way to the Homecoming game against Andean on September 28, students never lost an ounce of spirit.

Fancy Tuesday, Sparkling Class Colors Wednesday, and Mardi Gras Thursday meant Masquerade: the theme of the week! "Super Fan Day was my favorite because it's fun to see people dress in crazy, mix-matched outfits," said sophomore Kiana Letica. Sophomores reigned victorious

over freshmen 34-6 in the annual game. "It was a great feeling to be on a winning team!" exclaimed sophomore Kala Beenes.

Seniors took a hard hit when they lost to the juniors in the 40-8 battle. On Friday that sorrow turned to joy as they lifted their heads high when they won the lip sync and the coveted spirit stick.

Homecoming Dance on Saturday, September 22 packed the cafeteria. Teens took to the floor when Principal Mr. Lobsiger

dedicated a song to his wife, and they shared a slow dance. As the night continued, students danced to everything from Keith Urban to Nicki Minaj. "My favorite part was when we all got in lines and did the CHA CHA SLIDE," laughed sophomore Joshua Smith.

Homecoming Royalty included: Queen Kimberly Stalbaum, and her Court: Seniors Mackenzie Misner, Alyssa Tucker, and Kristin Drenth, Junior Tatiana Adams, and Freshman Samantha Tokarz.



Kiana Letica, 10, & Mitchell Chorzempa, 11

Led by English teacher and Freshman Class Sponsor Mr. John Spinks, freshmen Jessica Young and Alyssa Eger march with their class around the entire school to kick off Homecoming Week festivities.

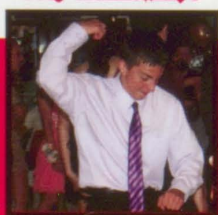
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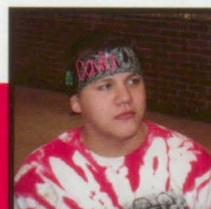
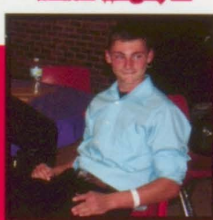
Kimberly Stalbaum, 12

Cody Gronkiewicz, 9



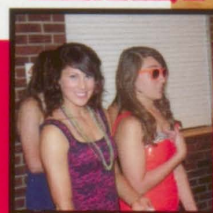
Morgan Cavinder, 11
& Olivia Trainor, 11

Shaun Wright, 11



Jose Valenzuela, 11

Coral Justica, & Miranda Retzlaff, 12



Dancing in battle for the spirit stick, the senior class hip sync creates a wave for unique effect. Senior class fit the theme perfectly beginning their dance with "Masquerade" by Nicki Minaj plus popular songs such as "Cinema" by Skrillex, "The Wobble" by VIC, and "All We Do Is Win" by DJ Khaled. "All the hard work we put into the dance definitely paid off in the end, winning our senior year," said senior Maranda Brown. Photo by Z. Wright



Barrel the Horse & Ms. Kelly Bengel

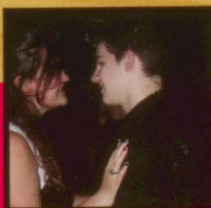
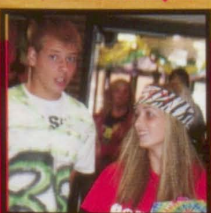


Jessica Reyes, Haley Garza, & Sydney Barrett, 11

Mackenzie Misner, Alyssa Tucker, & Kristin Drenth, 12,
Tatiana Adams, 11, & Samantha Tokarz, 9



Hunter Moore, 9
& Vronika Porter, 10



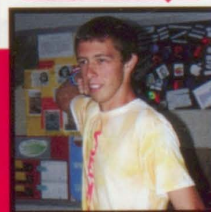
Jordan Wilcox, 11
& Jason Borgman, 10

Micheal Nannenga, 11



Victoria Wyrobek, 10
& Jared Ast, 10

Brandon Hazlett, 12



Megan Ratliff, 11
& Alex Forrestall, 12

Homecoming shines despite loss

As the fans rolled in, and the stands became packed for the Andrean game, anxious players and fans could not wait for kick off. The 6-0 Kougars were up against rival Andrean who went on to take home the victory 13-28 in the hard fought match.

Senior wide receiver Justin De-Young said, "Knowing it was Homecoming added to the intensity and just added to the fun of playing it." This was not only a special night for the football players, but also for the seniors and Homecoming court.

Before the game, seniors from band,

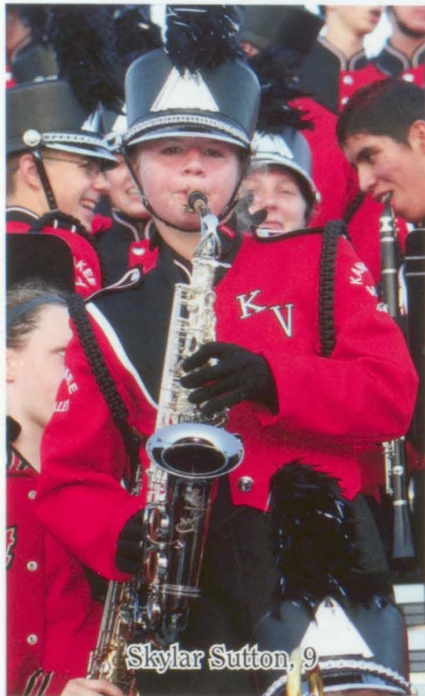
cheerleading, and football were honored on the field. Senior band member Kesha Molden said, "It was sad and crazy to think that it was my last Homecoming with all my friends."

At halftime, the court lined up on the track in their beautiful dresses. Homecoming Queen Kimberly Stalbaum said, "It was nerve wracking. I do not know if I was shaking from the cold or my nerves. I honestly did not expect to hear my name, but it was an amazing feeling to win."

As the girls walked off the track, and the fans piled back in the stands,

there was one last event to end half-time. The \$2,500 fireworks show, sponsored by Student Council lasted about 15 minutes and was awesome.

Not only was this game one of the biggest of the year, it was also a huge night for concessions. Booster Club's Concessions Director Mrs. Diana Freund said, "We made over \$7,000 that night on food and drinks. One of the most popular items was the hot chocolate which brought in over \$1,000. Sweat-shirts, sweatpants, hoodies and t-shirts were also sold to fans who were there to cheer on the Kougars.



Skylar Sutton, 9

Preparing for the next play, junior Robert Aguillon sets up to hike the ball. "Having a lot of different plays is important. You have to rotate them so that the other team doesn't catch on to them easily. That would be really bad for our team," commented Aguillon.

By Brittany Braden

Photos contributed by: Brittany Braden, Shelby Hurst, Tom Sparks, & Cody Bailey.



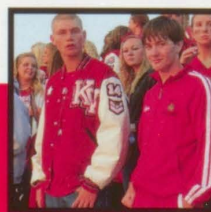
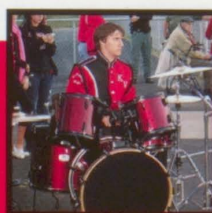
Nicole Ketchum, 12

Senior Night



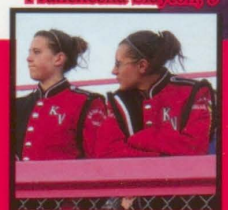
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Stephen Sholey, 11



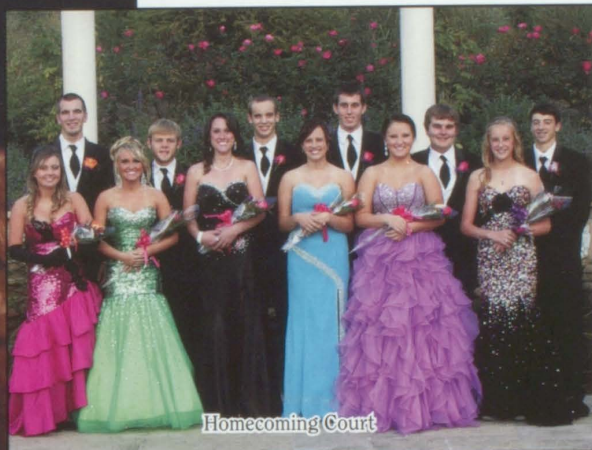
Luke Sanderson, 11
& Skylar Davis, 12

Nicole Cardenas, 10 Francheska Slayton, 9



Former Homecoming Queen, Kelsey Jefferson crowns senior Kimberly Stalbaum as the new Homecoming Queen. Stalbaum was escorted by senior Kody Conner. "Being crowned Homecoming Queen was by far my favorite high school experience. Knowing my classmates voted for me to represent the senior class was unbelievable!" said Stalbaum. *Photo by C. Bailey*

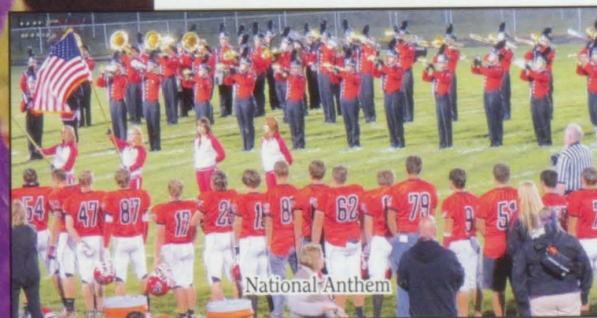
Juniors Tatiana Adams & Andrew Jackson, Seniors Alyssa Tucker & Justin Eger, Mackenzie Misner & Dustin Ketelaar, Kristin Drenth & Christopher Clark, Kimberly Stalbaum & Kody Conner, and Freshmen Samantha Tokarz & Darrick Webster



Homecoming Court

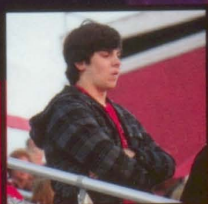


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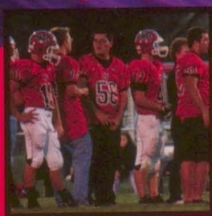
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Ioannis Petsalis, 12

Colby Stately, 12



Gregory Driscoll, 11

Kristin Drenth, 12



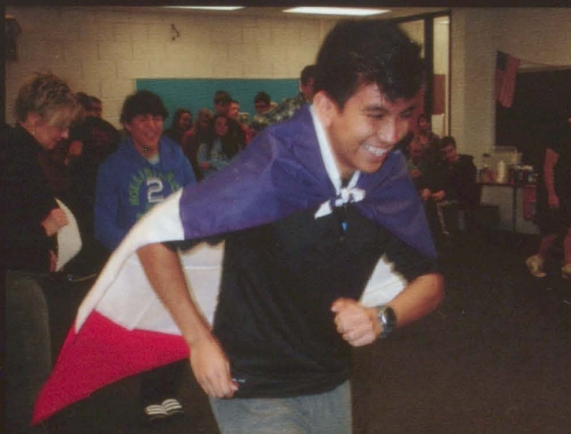
Jenna Meeks & Samantha Jones, 10

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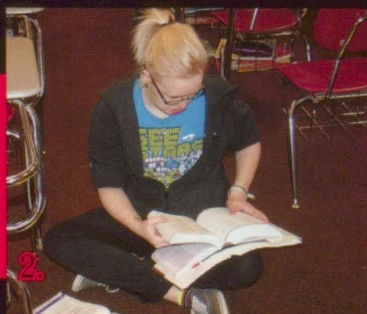
Students get the chance to go to the library and study for a future test or get help on their homework during Student Resource Time. "The library is a quiet place for me to get my work done. It's a great place for me to be able to concentrate on what I'm doing," said sophomore Kaylee Engstrom. Also pictured: freshman, Autumn Lacosse, and sophomore, Malia Comia. *Photo by M. Retzlaff*



For the first time ever, foreign languages had a two-day celebration for Mardi Gras. Classes competed with one another in hopes of being known as the "Strongest Country." Junior Daniel Reyes who represented France runs for a victory for his team. *Photo by M. Retzlaff*



Lunch is a favorite time of the day for many students. Students interacted with friends and had free time. "My peers play the role of how I act towards people, and they help me make good choices in my life," said junior Alexis Howard, who was spending her free time with senior Joshua Vega. *Photo by A. Oney*





Michael Smith, Haley Overby, Brianna Niemiec, Maranda Brown, Shelby Schoon, & Cella Wireman, 12

1. Taking advantage of the school's new training room, freshmen learned new ways to workout. Cody Gronkiewicz commented, "Gym is my favorite class, no doubt! I love it because it's a fun, simple way to get up and get active after sitting down all day." *Photo by M. Retzlaff*

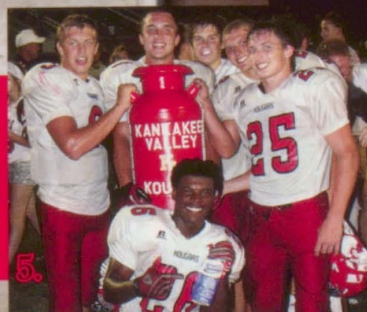
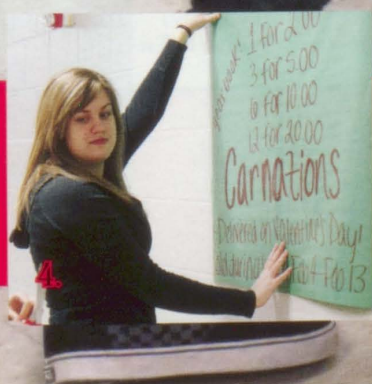
2. Sophomore Shayla Rahmoeller searched through the German dictionary to help her understand the language better while working on a poster. "Deciding to take German was a great decision. It's very challenging, but it is so much fun," said Rahmoeller. *Photo by M. Retzlaff*

3. During the football games, the student section adopted a new "mascot" named Barrel the Horse. Senior Gabrielle Henning said, "I love how the student section showed so much spirit and intensity during football season. It was just a fun way to get us all pumped up for the games, home or away." *Photo by T. Sparks*

4. Students hung posters around the school to advertise what different clubs or sports were selling. "My favorite part of the day is yearbook. I love the feeling of accomplishment when you get a spread done," said junior Ashley Warren. *Photo by M. Retzlaff*

5. Seniors Joel Bolen, Darrell Holme, John Morrison, and junior Kelsey Jones show off their hard work after their big win against Lowell. "To bring home the 'Can' was an absolute great and memorable feeling! It was just an all around outstanding moment for our team, family, school, and town," said Holme. *Photo by T. Sparks*

6. Art class is one way that students show their creativity throughout the school. "My classes have taught me a lot more than just school knowledge. School is preparing me for the real world," said freshman Brikayla Babe. Also pictured: Mia Johnson. *Photo by M. Retzlaff*



Seniors 2013

With 2,160 days down and 180 days to go, seniors faced their last and most difficult challenge yet. They experienced their last first day of high school, last Homecoming game, and last chance to make their mark in school before Graduation. "My favorite part about senior year was having the extra freedoms and being a role model for underclassmen," said Taylor Nomanson.

Class of 2013 boosted some outstanding accomplishments including Nina Maze who was selected for All-Star Band, and Brittany Hale for All State Choir. Hayley Hoff-

man and Kelsey Eeningenburg—attended Hoosier Girls' State, Ryan Beere and Trevor Shelhart earned Eagle Scout ranking, and Jeremy Vega had three poems published.

Football season was a very memorable experience as seniors cheered on their fellow classmates to an 8-2 season. Supporting the school, they dressed up for games, waved giant cutout heads of the senior players, and brought in Barrel the Horse as a mascot. "Barrel the Horse was my favorite memory of senior year. He was born the day before the Barrel game, hence the name and

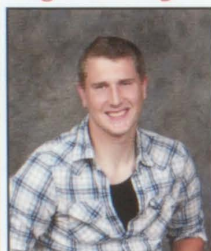
he's our 'good luck charm' for all of our sports," said senior Maranda Brown. Barrel was the brain child of Tyler Black and Michael Smith.

With the help of Mrs. Hallie Chicki's choreographed lip sync and the originally decorated spirit doors, seniors won their first spirit stick. "Winning the spirit stick brought our class together," added Ioannis Petsalis.

Kimberly Stalbaum, escorted by Kody Conner, was honored as the Homecoming Queen.

Class sponsors were Mrs. Hallie Chicki and Mr. Greg Oliver.

Gage Abbring



Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12,
Football 9, Soccer 10,
11, 12

"If everyone worked as hard as me, I'd be out of a job." - Steve Nash

Rejean Almira



FCA 9, 10, Powderpuff
9, 12, Soccer 10, 11,
Track 10

"Know your limits, then break through them."

Brett Armstrong



FFA 9, 10, 11

"#360Noscope"

Tyler Arnold



"Good Luck to the Class of 2013"

Bradley Ast



Orchestra 10, 11, 12

"Make 'em laugh." - Cosmo Brown

Sarah Axtell



Concert Band 9, 10, 11,
12, FCA 9, 10, FFA 10,
11, 12, Marching Band
9, 10, 11, 12, Pathfinders
10, 11, 12, SADD
9, 10, 12, Powderpuff
11, 12, Swimming 10,
11, 12

"She doesn't even GO here!"
- Mean Girls

Nathan Bachorski



"Good Luck to the Class of 2013"

Cody Bailey



FCA 9, 10, 11, 12, Foreign
Language 9, Newspaper
12, Pathfinders 9, 10,
11, 12, Yearbook 12,
Youth Alive 9, 10,
11, 12

"Do you think that smoking drugs is cool? Do you think that doing alcohol is cool?"
- Michael Scott of "The Office".

Brittany Baker



Powderpuff 11, Soccer
10, Track 9, 10

"Live every day to its fullest."

Miranda Retzlaff, Kyle Noland,
Alyssa Matson, & Cody Bailey



By Miranda Retzlaff,
Shelby Hurst, Adanna
Oney, Kyle Noland,
Alyssa Matson,
& Brittany Braden

Kaylyn Banaszak



Freshman Mentor 11, 12, NHS 10, 11, 12, FEA 9, 10, 11, 12, Tennis 9, 10, 11, 12

"Do not go where the path may lead; go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Haley Becker



FCA 9,10, 11, 12, Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12, Track 10

"Life goes on."

Alysia Beenes



Art Club 9, FCA 9, Powderpuff 11, 12, Swimming 9, 10, 11, 12

"Good Luck to the Class of 2013."

Ryan Beere



Academic Decathlon 10, 11, 12, Concert Band 9, 10, 11, 12, Jazz Band 9, 10, 11, 12, Marching Band 9, 10, 11, 12, NHS 10, 11, 12, Spell Bowl 9, 10, 11, 12, Golf 9, 10, 11, 12 Making the Grade 11,12

"On your tombstone there will be two numbers, but the only thing that matters is the little dash in the middle." - Anonymous

Matthew Berdine



Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12, Football 9, 10, 11, 12, Wrestling 11, 12

"I hate losing more than I like to win."

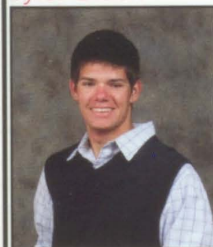
Tyler Birky



Freshman Mentor 11, 12, Homecoming Court 11, Prom Court 11, Basketball 9, 10, 11, Football 9, 10, 11, 12

"Life's a garden, dig it." - Jake Forden

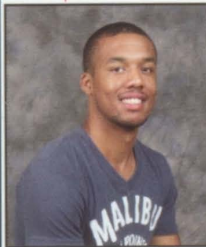
Tyler Black



Homecoming Court 11, Basketball 9, Football 9, 10, Track 11, 12

"If you don't stand for something, you'll fall for anything."

Joseph Blackwell



Football 11

"Work hard, play hard." - Wiz Khalifa

Brandon Boer



Pathfinders 9, 10, 11, 12, Soccer 10

"There are always two paths to choose, now the one you choose, is the one you will follow."

Joel Bolen



Football 9, 10, 11, 12, Wrestling 10, 11, 12

"Tomorrow is promised to no one."

- Walter Peyton

Kaitlin Boonstra



Freshman Mentor 11, 12, Basketball 9, 10, 11, Powderpuff 9, 10, 11, 12, Softball 9, 11, 12

"I live for the nights I won't remember, with the friends I will never forget." - Wiebke

Terry Boufis



Foreign Language 9, 12, Pathfinders 11, 12, FEA 12, Youth Alive 11, 12

"Now this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning." - Sir Winston Churchill

Brittany Braden



Yearbook 12, Powderpuff 9, 10, 11, 12, Track 9, 10

"Laugh until it hurts, live like there's no tomorrow."

Tori Brodner



Powderpuff 9, 10, 11, 12

"Live your life to the fullest, without regrets."

Maranda Brown



Dance 10, Freshman Mentor 11, 12, SADD 11, Yearbook 11, Powderpuff 11, 12, Tennis 9, 10, 11, 12

"Beginnings are usually scary and endings are usually sad, but it's everything in between that makes it all worth living."

Joshua Buchmeier



"If it isn't broke, don't fix it."

George Burnes



"It happens."

Ashlyn Carlson-Burke



Drama 9, 10, 11, 12,
Freshman Mentor 11,
12, Mirage 9, Youth
Alive 12, Powderpuff
10, 12, Track 9, 10

"Take chances, make mistakes, and get messy."
- Magic School Bus

Alex Carlton



Book Club 12

"Beginnings are usually scary and endings are
usually sad, but it's everything in between that
makes it all worth living."

Zachery Cates



"Good Luck to the Class of 2013"

Luis Cazares



Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12

"Rewards are never given, always earned."

Kayla ChasingHorse



"Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how
you respond to it."

Tyler Cisar



JAM 10, Pathfinders 9,
11, Technology 12

"A man's gotta eat."

Christopher Clark



FFA 9, 10, 11, 12, SADD
11, 12, Student Council
12, Football 10

"Everyone has a plan, till they get punched in the
mouth." - Mike Tyson

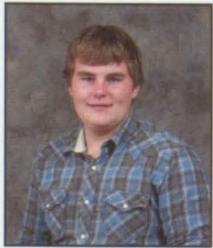
Erika Clemente



Environment 9, Foreign
Language 9, Powder-
puff 10, 11, 12

"Imperfection is beauty, madness is genius, and
it's better to be absolutely ridiculous than abso-
lutely boring."

Kody Conner



Homecoming Court 12

"When you come to the end of your rope, tie a
knot and hang on." - Franklin D. Roosevelt

Kory Conner



Freshman Mentor 11,
12

"Desire is the key to motivation, but it's the determination and
commitment to an unrelenting pursuit of your goal- a commit-
ment to excellence- that will enable you to attain the success
you seek." - Mario Andrett

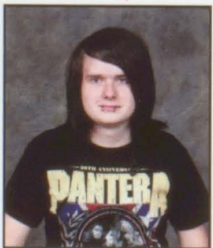
Jacob Cooper



Orchestra 9, 10, 11, 12

"My friends come first, that's the bottom line."
- A Day to Remember

John Cooper



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Katlyn Cooper



Art Club 9, Freshman
Mentor 11, 12, Foreign
Language 9, Orchestra
9, 10, 11, SADD 9

"And in the end the love you take is equal to the
love you make." - The Beatles

Tyler Craft



"The greatest pleasure in life is doing what people say you can't do." - Walter Bagehot

Evan Croft



Choir 9, 10, 11, Concert Band 9, 10, 11, 12, Jazz Band 11, 12, Marching Band 11, 12, Baseball 9, 10, 12

"You shall not pass!" - Gandalf the Gray

Cruz Crouch



"Who cares." - Daryl

Emily Cwiklinski



Choir 9, 10, 11, 12, Kol-
orgaurd 9, 10, 11, 12,
Wintergaurd 11, Swim-
ming 9, 10

"Don't think, just do." - Jake Kistler

Christin Dahn



FFA 10, 12, Freshman
Mentor 11, 12, Football
Manager 9, 10, 11, 12

"Pink berry- Totes the best hun-cal froyo."

Matthew Dancho



FCA 9, Soccer 9, Ten-
nis 11, 12

"Always be yourself, express yourself, have faith in yourself, do not go out and look for a successful personality and duplicate it." - Bruce Lee

Tyler Danta



"You cannot solve problems with the same mentality that was used to create them."
- Albert Einstein

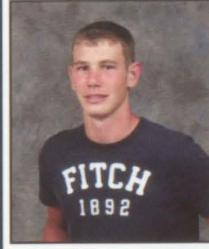
Skyler Davis



Golf 9, 10, 11, 12, Wres-
tling 9, 10

"What doesn't kill you, makes you stronger."
- Heath Ledger

Justin DeJong



Football 9, 10, 11, 12

"Have the courage to live, anyone can die." will die today."

Tyler DeHaan



Football 9, Golf 9, 10,
11, 12

"Dream as if you will live forever, live as if you will die today."

Leanne Delinsky



Best Buddies 12, Envi-
ronment 10, Cheerlead-
ing 11

"I'll slap you so hard, it will feel like you kissed a freight train." - Five Finger Death Punch

Heather DeWitt



Environment 12, Cross
Country 9, Powderpuff
10, 11, 12

"When you need me call out Butter Scotch Peanut Brittle, and I'll be there!" - Erin Poole

Kristin Drenth



Concert Band 9, Home-
coming Court 12,
Marching Band 9, Stu-
dent Council 9, 11

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do... Explore. Dream. Discover." - Mark Twain

Jonathon Driscoll



Football 11

"Live as if you were to die tomorrow, learn as if you were to live forever."

Brian Dunne



"Live your life like there's no tomorrow!"

Candice Eck



Concert Band 9, 10, 11, 12, Stage Crew 11, 12, Freshman Mentor 12, Foreign Language 12, Jazz Band 10, 11, 12, Marching Band 9, 10, 11, 12, Spell Bowl 10, 11, Powderpuff 10

"It does not do to dwell in the past, or worry about the present, for you must always remember that the future can always be changed."

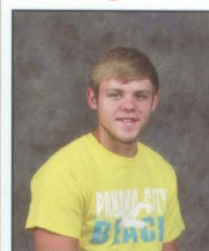
Kelsey Eenigenburg



FCA 9, 10, 11, Mirage 9, SADD 9, 10, Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12, Track 10

"Good Luck to the Class of 2013."

Justin Eger



Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12, Golf 9, Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12

"YOLO"

Andrew Ervin



Football 11

"We didn't lose the game, we just ran out of time."

Laura Estrada



Stage Crew 9, 11, 12, Environment 9, 11, 12, Kolor Guard 9, 10, 11, 12, Winter Guard 9, 10, 11, Powderpuff 9

"Aim for the moon, if you miss you may hit the stars."

Lindsey Fenstermaker



Powderpuff 11, 12, Softball 9, 10, 11, 12, Volleyball 9

"Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future." - John F. Kennedy

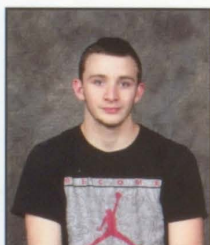
Jay Fieldhouse



FCA 9, 10, NHS 10, 11, 12, Soccer 9, 10, 11

"Never do something you can't blame on someone else."

Alexander Forrestall



Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12

"Smile back." - Mac Miller

Richard Gawronski



FFA 9, 10, 11, NHS 9, Student Council 9, 10, 11, Football 9, Track 9

"Be yourself and speak your mind because those who mind don't matter, and those who matter don't mind."

Jacan Geeve



Baseball 9, 10

"Live your life one day at a time."

Paige Gifford



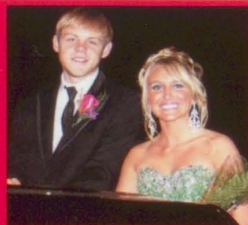
"Good Luck to the Class of 2013."

Kayla Gilbert



"Good Luck to the Class of 2013."

What was your most memorable high school memory?



"Being on Homecoming Court my sophomore and senior year and also being able to charge the football field after winning the Barrel and Milk Can." Alyssa Tucker
Also pictured: Justin Eger



"Beating the seniors in Spike-down my junior year was definitely my most memorable moment." Jacob Weaver



"The first day of my freshman year. I'll never be able to forget how nervous and excited I was that day." Stephanie Scally
Also pictured: Hayley Hoffman & Kelsey Eenigenburg



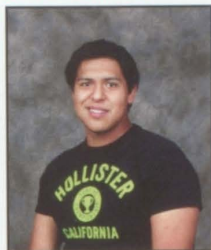
"So many memories have been made from freshman PE to Mrs. Slaby's AP Biology class, to Mrs. Steiner's drama, even lunch with friends. I loved every minute of it." Richard Gawronski
Also pictured: Kaylyn Banaszak

Steven Golightly



"Don't sit around like a bump on a pickle."

Jose Gomez



Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12

"A creative man is motivated by the desire to achieve not by the desire to beat others."
- Ayn Rand

Jamie Gonzales



Football 9, 10

"Never give up."

Andriana Gonzalez



"When the power of love overcomes the love of power, the world will know peace." - Jimi Hendrix

Ashley Gooden



Cheerleading 9, 10, 11, 12, Powderpuff 12, Softball 9, Tennis 10

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." - Eleanor Roosevelt

Luke Gouwens



FCA 9, Baseball 9, 10, Golf 11, 12, Soccer 9, 11, 12

"No fear."

Dillon Grace



Class Officer 12, Freshman Mentors 11, 12, Basketball 9, 10, Football 11, Soccer 9, Track 10, 11

"You have not yet arrived."

Spencer Guerrero



Choir 9, 10, 11, 12 Football 10

"Good Luck to the Class of 2013."



"My best memory about high school was getting to see all my friends for the last time, and just having a great time at the games and at school," said Cody Sekema. *Photo by A. Matson*
Also pictured: Justin DeJong

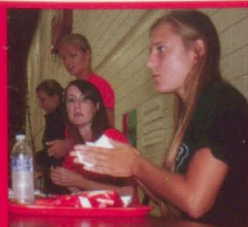


"I'm not going to leave high school with just one favorite memory, I am going to remember high school as a whole. I've loved every minute of it and am going to miss it when it's over," said Mackenzie Misner. *Photo by T. Sparks*
Also pictured: Dustin Ketelaar



"Barrel became a second mascot of the school by accident. We said if the football team keeps winning, then Barrel will keep coming to the games. Now, he has become a new tradition to the student section," said senior Dillon Grace. *Photo by A. Matson*

Also pictured: Darrell Holme, Mark Lukacek, & Tyler Birky



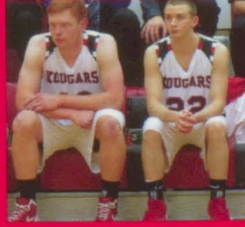
"Winning Regionals in soccer my freshman year. Seeing the look on everyone's face after the game was priceless." - Jennifer Sobierajski
Also pictured: Alexis Tinkel, Mari-beth Strong, & Shelby Schoon



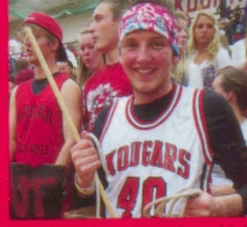
"My best memory is just relaxing and joking around in computer repair class." - James Johnson



"Football season is my best memory. We seniors made the best of the season by attending every game in rain or shine, hot or cold." - Maranda Brown



"Breaking the 4x800 meter relay record. Doing that as a freshman with a great group of guys was amazing!" - Brent VanSoest
Also pictured: Alexander Forrestall



"My favorite memory from high school would be dressing up at football games and going absolutely insane until my voice was gone." - Frank Lapota

Carlie Guritz



Stage Crew 11, 12,
Youth Alive 10, 11, 12

"Let your smile change the world, but don't let the world change your smile."

Brittney Hale



Choir 9, 10, 11, 12,
Freshman Mentor 12,
Kolor Guard 9, Super-
bowl 9, 10, 11, 12, Win-
ter Guard 9, Powderpuff
9, 12, All State Choir

"Helen Keller." - Girls in Powderpuff

Erik Hamstra



FFA 9, Bowling Team 9,
10, 11, 12

"Help anyone you can because one day they may help you."

Kayley Harper



Freshman Mentor 12,
SADD 12, Powderpuff 10

"You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough." - Mae West

Brandon Hazlett



Pioneerz 11, 12, Stu-
dent Council 12, Base-
ball 9, 10, Basketball 9,
Cross Country 9, 10, 11,
12, Track 11, 12

"If you use your Visa Card you could win a chance to go to the Olympics every four years, for the rest of your life." - Morgan Freeman

Gabrielle Henning



Art Club 9, Class Of-
ficer 10, FCA 9, 10,
SADD 9, Student Coun-
cil 9, Powderpuff 11,
12, Soccer 9, Softball 9,
10, 11, 12

"Embrace the unexpected."

Brandy Henry



Powderpuff 11

"In life do things with love, or don't do them at all" - Ghandi

Brittany Hilton



FFA 9, 11, 12, Powder-
puff 11, 12

"A love lost is a memory gained."

Daniel Hinchy



Academic Decathlon
10, Concert Band 9, 10,
11, 12 Jazz Band 11, 12,
Marching Band 9, 10,
11, 12

"Live life the way you can. Sing in the shower, dance like nobody's watching. Only then you will truly be happy." - Oprah

Hayley Hoffman



FCA 9, Soccer 9, 10, 11,
12, Tennis 9, 10, 11, 12

"It's just that... It's the first time that I've seen you look ugly, and that makes me kind of happy." - Bridesmaids

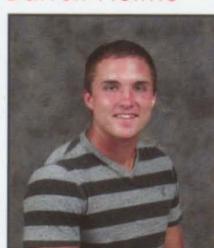
Rylie Hoffman



FCA 9, 10, 11, 12, FFA
9, 10, 11, 12, Freshman
Mentor 11, 12, Prom
Court 11, Powderpuff
12, Swimming 9, Track
11, 12

"If God brings you to it, he will bring you through it."

Darrell Holme



Winterfest Court 11,
Basketball 9, Football
9, 10, 11, 12

"It's not a game; it's a lifestyle."

Thaddeus Horvath



"Good Luck to the Class of 2013"

Joshua Hudspeth



Best Buddies 12, Con-
cert Band 12, FCA 9,
Freshman Mentor 12,
Foreign Language 12,
JAM 9, 10, Jazz Band
12, Pathfinders 9, Stu-
dent Council 11, Cross
Country 11

"I don't live by a quote, but I do live by a set of values: Discipline, Integrity, Courage, Honor, and Comittment."

Sophia Hufnagel



Art Club 9, Best Bud-
dies 12, FCA 9, 10, 11,
12, Freshman Mentor
11, 12, Foreign Lan-
guage 12, NHS 10, 11,
12, FEA 12, SADD 9,
Student Council 9, 12,
Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12

"Just be yourself. No one can tell you that you're doing it wrong."

Shelby Hurst



Book Club 9, FCA 9, 10, Q&S 11, 12, Student Council 9, Yearbook 11, co-editor 12, Basketball 9, Softball 9, 10, Volleyball 9, 10

"You all may judge, but being a mother is the best thing that has ever happened to me."

Nicole Jaki



Freshman Mentor 11, 12, NHS 11, 12, Basketball 9, Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12, Track 9, 10

"Life isn't about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself." - George Bernard Shaw

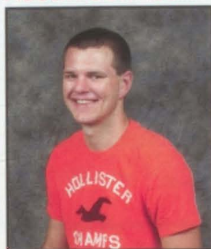
Katherine Jefferson



FFA 9, Kolor Guard 9, Newspaper 12

"Your past makes you who you are, but you shouldn't let it weigh you down."

Austin Johnson



Choir 12, FFA 9, Baseball 9, Cheerleading 10, Football 9, 10

"If you ain't first, you're last" - Ricky Bobby

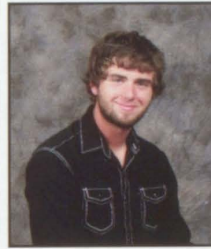
Cameron Johnson



Swimming 10, 11, 12

"An eye for an eye makes the whole world blind."

James Johnson



Foreign Language 9, Academic Decathlon 12

"I want to get off Mr. Bone's Wild Ride!" - Ghost 223

Felicia Jones



Freshman Mentor 11, 12, NHS 11, 12, Student Council 12, Basketball 9, Powderpuff 9, 10, 11, 12

"If God brought you to it, He will bring you through it."

Kirstie Jones



Powderpuff 9, 10, 11, 12

"To infinity and beyond!" - Buzz Lightyear

Samuel Jonkman



FCA 9, Football 10, Golf 9, 10

"You don't remember the nights you got plenty of sleep."

Coral Justice



Student Council 9, Technology 9, 10, 11, 12, Cheerleading 9, 11, 12, Powderpuff 9, 10, 11, 12, Soccer 9, Track 9, 10, 11, Wrestling 10

"When life gives you lemonade, make lemons. Life'll be all 'whaaaat!?' - Mr. Dunphy

Dillon Kerns



"Good Luck to the Class of 2013"

Kyle Kerulis



Basketball 9, 10

"I will never falter, I'll stand my ground." - A Day To Remember

Nicole Ketchem



Foreign Language 9, 10, 11, Yearbook 11, Cheerleading 9, Powderpuff 10, 11, 12

"One of the hardest decisions you'll ever face is either trying harder or walking away."

Dustin Ketelaar



Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12, Soccer 9

"Fly with the best, forget the rest."

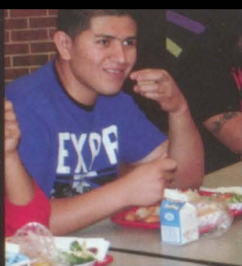
Jake Kistler



"Don't think. Thinking is the enemy of creativity. It's self-conscious, and anything self-conscious is lousy. You can't try to do things. You simply must do things." - Ray Bradbury.



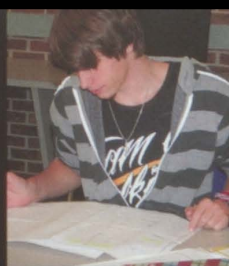
William Misch



Brandon Rios



Leanne Delinsky



Cody Bailey



Brianna Niemiec &
Michael Smith



Ioannis Petsalis &
Karley Miller

Andrew Koedyker



"Remember, tomorrow is promised by no one."
- Walter Payton

Kelsey Kordys



Book Club 12, Drama
9, 10, Mirage 9, Youth
Alive 9, 10, 11, 12

"Laugh uncontrollably and never regret anything
that makes you smile." - Steven Tyler

Jordan Kroll



Concert Band 9, 10, 11,
12, Freshman Mentor
11, 12, Jazz Band 9, 10,
Marching Band 9, 10,
11, 12, FEA 10, 11, 12,
Student Council 12

"Believe in yourself or no one will."

Rachel Krupa



Art Club 9, 10, 11, En-
vironment 9, 10, Mirage
9, 10, 11, Student Coun-
cil 10, 11, 12, Cross
Country 10, 11, 12,
Swimming 11, Track
10, 11, 12,

"I don't understand why people always think
I'm glaring at them in the hallway. I'm just try-
ing to see where I'm going."

Frank Lapota



Swimming 9, 10, 11, 12

"Live everyday like it's your last!"

Christian Leeming



Drama 9, 10, 11, 12,
Technology 9

"A man who can see is more useful than a man
who can speak, for the man who speaks is truly
blind, and the man who sees stays mute."

Melanie Loslo



Concert Band 9, 10,
11, 12, Dance 9, 10, 11,
Freshman Mentor 11,
12, Marching Band 9,
10, 11, 12, Powderpuff
11, 12, Track 10, 11, 12

"Keep your face to the sunshine, and you cannot
see a shadow." - Helen Keller

Mark Lukacek



Football 10, 11, 12,
Track 10, 11, 12

"Good, better, best. Never let it rest, until good
is better, and your better is best."

Lillian Luttringer



Best Buddies 12, Choir
9, 10, 11, 12, Dance 10,
11, 12, Drama 9, 10,
11, 12, Environment 9,
Mirage 9, FEA 11, 12,
SADD 12

"I took the path less traveled by, and that has
made all the difference." - Robert Frost

Vincent Lynch



Choir 12, Class Officer
11, Drama 9, 10, 11, En-
vironment 12, Foreign
Language 9, 10, 11,
SADD 9, 10, 11, 12, Stu-
dent Council 9, 10, 11,
12, Swimming 9, 10, 12

"Learn to lead. Learn to serve. Learn to love
the uniform." - U.S.A.F

Eva Macierzynski



Art 12, Choir 12, Ger-
man Exchange Student
12, Swimming Man-
ager 12

"Always try new things, and don't regret any-
thing, so just be yourself, no matter what."

Mario Madrid



"I ain't got no worries."



Brady Powers &
Joshua Vega



Andrew Ervin &
Brett Armstrong



Joshua Lemon



Blake Tuohy



Kaitlin Boonstra
& Shelby Hurst



Steven Golightly

Tyler Malysa



Wrestling 10

"We are one."

Morgan Mann



Concert Band 10, 11,
12, Kolor Guard 9,
Marching 10, 11, 12,
Orchestra 9, 10, 11, 12,
Winter Guard 9

"It's better to be absolutely ridiculous, than to
be absolutely boring." - Marilyn Monroe

James Marich



Football 9, Soccer 10,
11, 12, Wrestling 9, 10,
11, 12

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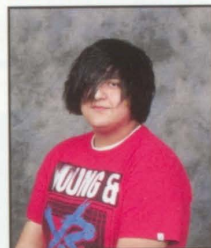
Kayelin Martens



Book Club 11, 12,
Cheerleading Mascot 11

"Family doesn't end at blood." - Bobby Singer

Daniel Martinez



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Lester Mathis



"When in doubt, throttle out."

Alyssa Matson



Class Officer 10, FCA 9,
Freshman Mentor 11,
Q&S 11, 12, SADD 10,
11, Winterfest Court
10, Yearbook 10, 11,
Co-Editor 12, Basket-
ball 9, Powderpuff 11,
12, Softball 9, 10, 11,
12, Prom Committee 11

"Real life is a funny thing, some people let mo-
ments pass by, but if you know how you feel and
what you need to say, say it." - Taylor Swift

Nina Maze



Concert Band 10, 11,
12, Jazz Band 11, 12,
Kolor Guard 9, March-
ing Band 10, 11, 12,
Orchestra 9, 10, 11, 12,
SADD 9, Winter Guard
10, 12, Track 9, 10, 11,
12

"After silence that which comes nearest to
expressing the inexpressible is music."
- Aldous Huxley

Drake McCarty



Environment 9, 10, 11,
12, Student Council 12

"I live my life with dignity... Always dignity."
- Gene Kelly

Hannah McDaniel



FCA 9, 10, 11, 12,
Freshman Mentor 11,
12, Kolor Guard 9, NHS
10, 11, 12, Pathfinders
9, 10, 11, 12, Student
Council 9, Basketball 9,
Powderpuff 9, 10, 11, 12

"Until you hate where you are, you will never
desire to be changed."

Kristina McKinney



Best Buddies 12

"I am finished."

Justin McPeters



"Living is what scares me, dying is easy"
- Charles Manson

Kameron Memering



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Joseph Meyer



"Go hard or go home."

Concert Band 9, 10, 11,
12, FFA 10, Marching
Band 9, 10, 11

Matthew Mezzacapo



"Good Luck to the Class of 2013"

Wrestling 9, 10, 11

Brandon Mihalovits



"Don't forget what you're worth."

Baseball 9, 10

Cody Miller



"Everything happens for a reason."

Student Council 12,
Winterfest Court 9,
Football 9

Karley Miller



"In order to be old and wise, you must once be young and stupid." - Grandpa Bob

FCA 11, Pathfinders 9,
SADD 9, Powderpuff 12

William Misch



"Unless life also hands you water and sugar, your lemonade's going to be bitter."

Drama 9, 10, 11, 12,
FFA 10, 11, Pathfinders
10, 11, 12, Soccer 9, 10,
11, 12

Sabrina Misiak



"When everything is bad, try to think of the thing that is good."

Best Buddies 12, Dance
12, Drama 12, Environ-
mental 9, FCA 9, 10, 11,
Freshman Mentor 11,
12, Foreign Language
9, 12, SADD 11, 12,
Cheerleading 9, 10, 11,
Powderpuff 12, Track
9, 10

Mackenzie Misner



"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." - Philippians 4:13

Homecoming Court 12,
NHS 11, 12, SADD 12,
Student Council 11,
Basketball 9, Cheer-
leading 9, 10, 11, 12,
Powderpuff 9

Brendt Mitchell



"He who knows others is wise. He who knows himself is enlightened."

Art Club 12, Book Club
12, Environmental 12,
Technology 12, Foot-
ball 9, 10, 11, Track 9,
10, 11, 12

Kesha Molden



"Cherish every memory, love every moment, and embrace every possibility."

Best Buddies 12, Con-
cert Band 9, 10, 11, 12,
Jazz Band 12, March-
ing Band 9, 10, 11, 12,
Youth Alive 12, Powder-
puff 9, 10, 11, 12, Track
9, 10, 11, 12

John Morrison



"The only thing that can stop you from achieving what you want is yourself."

Homecoming 9, Base-
ball 9, Basketball 9,
Football 9, 10, 11, 12,
Wrestling 10, 11, 12

Nicole Mosher



"Life is what happens to you when you're busy making other plans." - John Lennon

Choir 9

Emily Myers



"It takes courage to grow up and be who you are." - E.E. Cummings

Book Club 12, Powder-
puff 11

Caleb Naasko



"Dream as if you'll live forever. Live as if you'll die today." - James Dean

Arham Nadeem



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Ryan Nichols



Technology 12, Swimming 12, Boys' State Representative

"I haven't failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work." - Thomas Edison

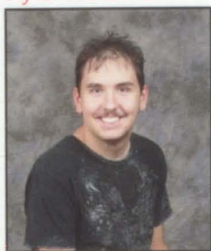
Brianna Niemiec



Environmental 12, FCA 9, 10, 11, Freshman Mentor 11, 12, Foreign Language 9, Homecoming Court 11, NHS 10, 11, 12, Prom Court 11, SADD 12, Winterfest Court 11, Powderpuff 9, 12, Soccer 10, 11, Softball 9, 10, 11, 12

"Life is short, live it. Love is rare, grab it. Anger is bad, drop it. Fear is awful, face it. Memories are sweet, cherish them." - Drake

Kyle Noland



Choir 9, 10, Drama 9, 10, 11, 12, Mirage 12, Pathfinders 12, Yearbook 12

"Follow the light at the end of the tunnel and run to the future."

Taylor Nomanson



Drama 9, 10, 11, 12, NHS 11, 12, Orchestra 9, 10, 11, 12

"Gracias, para vivir en la casa, en la escuelas, en la azul...mercada. Tienes con beber en las Fortuashla, and gracias!" - Bridesmaids

Adanna Oney



Yearbook 12, Powderpuff 11, 12, Track 11, 12

"Keep standing, even if that means standing alone, but never back down."

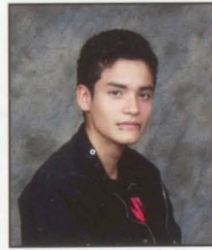
Bradly Oney



FFA 9, Baseball 9, 10, 11, Football 9

"If it flies, it dies."

Steve Orellana



"I don't want to jump through hoops for people." - Nikki Sixx

Sergio Ortega



I'm still learning to speak out against myself and stay on the path I truly want to be on, though I've lost my way more times than I wished." - We Came as Romans

Haley Overby



Class Officer 10, FFA 9, 10, Freshman Mentor 11, 12, Soccer 9, 10, 12

"ARRRHHUUNNGHH!" - Chewbacca

Tyler Palmer



"Live the life you love, love the life you live." - Bob Marley

Dakota Partin



Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12, Football 12

"Play to win or don't play at all."

Justin Patton



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Michael Petruska



Technology 10, 11

"Good things come to those who wait."

Ioannis Petsalis



Environmental 9, 10, 11, 12, Freshman Mentor 12, Foreign Language 9, 12, Newspaper 12, SADD 11, 12, Student Council 12, Youth Alive 12

"Make no little plans; they have no magic to stir men's blood." - Daniel H. Burnham

Taurie Piatt



Powderpuff 12, Softball 9, 10, 11, 12

"If you really want to do something, you will find a way; if you don't, you will find an excuse."

Erin Poole



Soccer 9

"If you ever need anything just call out 'Butter Scotch Peanut Brittle' & I'll be there."

- Heather DeWitt

Ryan Postma



Environment 11, 12, Technology 9, Tennis 10, 11, 12

"What can I tell you, pal? Misery loves company."

Sydney Pumnea



Environment 9, 10, Student Council 10, 11, 12, Winterfest Court 11, Softball 9, 10, 11, 12, Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12

"Why stress the little things in life when it could always be worse?"

Jordyn Rentschler



Art Club 9, 10, 11, 12, Freshman Mentors 11, 12, Foreign Language 9, Swimming 9, 10, 11, 12

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Miranda Retzlaff



Best Buddies 12, Q&S 11, 12, SADD 12, Student Council 12, Yearbook 11, 12, Cheerleading 10, 11, 12, Powderpuff 9, 10, Softball 9

"Dream as if you'll live forever, live as if you'll die today." - James Dean

Jeramie Reuhl



Student Council 12, Football 9

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do." - Mark Twain

Andrew Ribicki



Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12

"Touché"

Nathan Richie



FFA 9, 11, 12

"Live life to the fullest because it only happens once." - Maddi Jenkins

Brandon Rios



"Good friends don't let you do stupid stuff... Alone."

Heather Rios

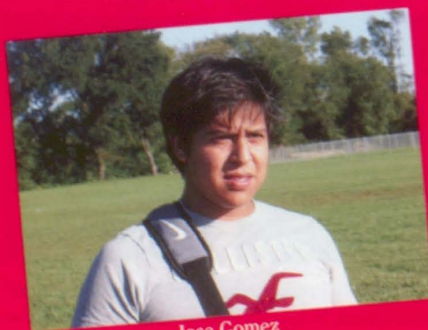


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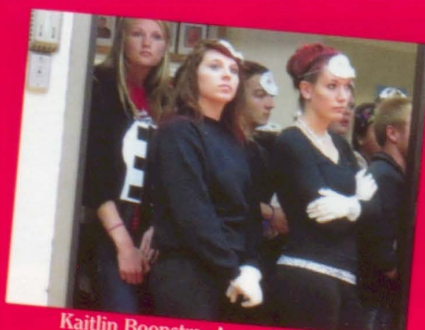
Yerenire Rodriguez



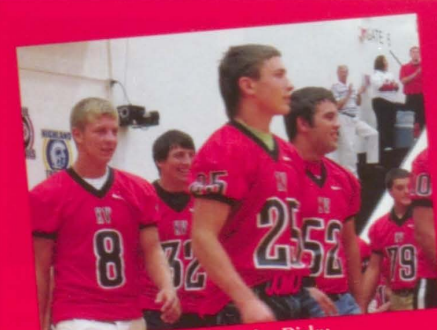
"Don't try to fit in and be someone else, be yourself."



Jose Gomez



Kaitlin Boonstra, Amanda Taylor, & Adanna Oney



Joel Bolen, Tyler Birky, John Morrison, & Matthew Berdine

Stephanie Sabol



Drama 9, 10, Environment 9, 11, 12

"This is what happens when an unstoppable force meets an immovable object." - The Joker

Marisol Sanchez



Art Club 12, Best Buddies 12

"Live life to the fullest."

Austin Sanders



Track 9

"If you ain't first, you're last."

Stephanie Scally



Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12, Softball 9, Track 10

"The will of God will never take you where the grace of God won't protect you."

Brooke Scheurich



FFA 12, Powderpuff 11, Softball 9, 10

"Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened." - Dr. Seuss

Jacob Scholz



Concert Band 9, 10, 11, 12, Jazz Band 12, Marching Band 9, 10, 11, 12, Academic Decathlon 12

"So are we jigglin' or..."

Shelby Schoon



Class Officer 11, 12, FCA 9, 10, Freshman Mentor 11, 12, Homecoming Court 9, NHS 10, 11, 12, Volleyball 9, 10

"Gnomebody can see me in my catmouflage. Meow."

Ashley Schultz



Art Club 11, 12, Book Club 11, Environment 12

"I'd rather have 30 minutes of wonderful, than a lifetime of nothing special."

Cody Sekema



Freshman Mentor 11, 12, Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12

"Do you want to know who you are? Don't ask. Act! Action will delineate and define you." - Thomas Jefferson

Trevor Shelhart



Academic Decathlon 10, 11, 12, Choir 11, 12, Concert Band 9, 10, 11, 12, Freshman Mentor 11, 12, JAM 10, Jazz Band 9, 10, 11, 12, NHS 11, 12, Pioneerz 11, 12, Swimming 9, 10, 11, 12

"On Wednesdays, we wear pink." - Regina George

Joseph Shepard



"Get over yourself."

Cody Shindle



FCA 9, 10, Football 9, Soccer 10, 11, 12, Track 9

"YOLO"



Bradley Ast

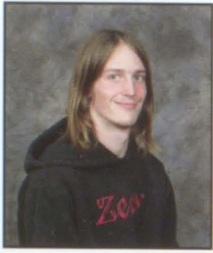


Kyle Kerulis, Frank Lapota, & Rylie Hoffman



Christopher Vorderer, Zachery Cates, Branden Shonk, & John Cooper

Branden Shonk



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Jacob Shreve



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Jesse Slawnikowski



Mascot 9, 10, Football 12

"You miss 100% of the shots you never take."
-Wayne Gretzky

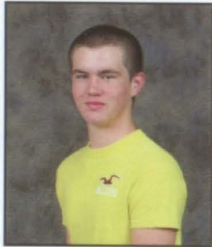
Michael Smith



Football 9, 10, Track 9, 10, 11, 12

"Mike Smith, Mike Smith, Mike Smith, Mike Smith, Mike Smith, Mike Smith, Mike Smith."

Trenton Smith



Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12

"There's always darkness before the light."
- Patent Pending

Patrick Snow-Countermand



Book Club 9, 10, 11, 12, Spell Bowl 12

"It's time to dule." - Yu-Gi-Oh

Jennifer Sobierajski



Art Club 9, 12, Class Officer 12, Drama 12, NHS 10, 11, 12, Pioneerz 11, 12, Student Council 9, Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12

"Life is like a track, you can follow it, but if you stop, you'll get run over."

Kimberly Stalbaum



Class Officer 10, 11, FCA 9, Homecoming Court 12, Cheerleading 11, Volleyball 9

"Lift up your head, princess. If not the crown falls."

Taylor Stamper



"At last the arm is straight. The hand to the loom. Is this the end or just the beginning?"
- Robert Plant

James Stemper



FFA 12, Student Council 9, Baseball 10, Soccer 11, 12, Track 12

"I'll miss not having to actually work for a living."

Amber Stott



"Live your life to the fullest."

Jamie Stovall



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Maribeth Strong



Best Buddies 12, Class Officer 12, Drama 12, FCA 9, 10, 11, Freshman Mentor 11, 12, Foreign Language 9, 12, NHS 10, 11, 12, SADD 12, Basketball 9, 10, Powderpuff 11, 12, Softball 9, 10, 11, 12, Swimming 11, 12, Volleyball 9

"Never let the fear of striking out, keep you from playing the game."

David Struble



FFA 12, Technology 9

"You only live once, but if you do it right once is enough." - Mae West

Kyle Stuhlmacher



Football 9

"Who cares." - Daryl

Amber Suprenant



Choir 9, 10, 11, Powderpuff 9, 10, 12

"Take one step at a time, live your life day to day, and love like crazy."

Jacob Swartz



Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12

"Live with purpose and the will to succeed."

Hunter Sweet



"It's better to try and fail, than to never have tried at all."

Lisa Talaski



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Beau Tauber



Football 9, Wrestling 9, 10, 11, 12

"You get out what you put in."

Amanda Taylor



Dance 10, 11, Cheerleading 12, Powderpuff 11

"Don't hold back, give everything you've got to your best ability."

Alexxus Thomason



FCA 9, Student Council 9, 10, 11, 12, Basketball Manager 11, Powderpuff 11, 12

"Turn your face to the sun, and all the shadows fall behind you."

Alexis Tinkel



Best Buddies 12, Class Officer 9, FCA 9, 10, Freshman Mentor 11, 12, Foreign Language 9, 12, NHS 10, 11, 12, Orchestra 9, 10, 11, Student Council 9, Basketball 9, Softball 9, Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12

"In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life, it goes on." - Robert Frost

Carlie Trosper



Art Club 11, 12, Book Club 9, 10, 11, 12, Drama 11, Environment 10, 11, 12, Foreign Language 12, Marching Band 9, Mirage 10, 11, 12

"It's no use going back to yesterday because I was a different person then." - Lisa Schroeder

Alyssa Tucker



Freshman Mentor 11, 12, Homecoming Court 10, 12, SADD 11, 12, Student Council 12, Winterfest Court 9, Cheerleading 9, 10, 11, 12

"Most of the shadows of this life are caused by our standing in our sunshine." - Ralph Waldo Emerson

Emily Tucker



FFA 10, 11, 12, Pathfinders 9, Student Council 9, 10, Golf 9, 10, 11, 12

"Learn from your mistakes."

Kailani Tuiono



Concert Band 9, 10, Marching Band 9, 10, Powderpuff 9, 12, Track 9, 10, 11

"You can't live a positive life with a negative attitude."

Blake Tuohy



Drama 9, 10, 11, 12, Foreign Language 12, SADD 11, 12, Student Council 9, 10, 11

"I can't help it I'm so popular." - Mean Girls

Sean Valois



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Brent VanSoest

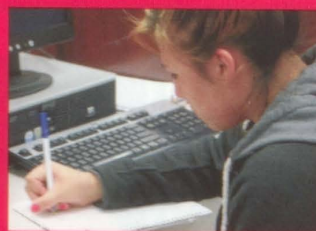


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"Do to others only what you would have others do to you."

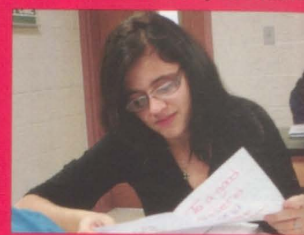
What is the best thing about being a senior?

"Memories of football and my teammates even though we have a bond that will last a lifetime," said Jacob Vujko. *Photo by K. Noland*



"Knowing I am going to start my future. I am going to miss the school's nachos," said Kayla ChasingHorse. *Photo by K. Noland*

"What makes me a senior is having leadership. What I will miss most is my teachers and friends," said Heather Rios. *Photo by K. Noland*



Jeremy Vega



Concert Band 9, 10, 11, 12, Freshman Mentor 12, Marching Band 9, 10, 11, 12, Cheerleading, 10

"Your beard not only looks great, but it will get you far in life and open unlimited possibilities."

Joshua Vega



Football 9, 10

"KCCO."

Casey Voigt



Best Buddies 12, Class Officer 9, Drama 9, 10, 11, 12, Mirage 9, NHS 10, 11, 12, Youth Alive 10, 11, 12, Student Council 9, 12, Powderpuff 9, 11, 12

"If we experienced life through the eyes of a child, everything would be magical and extraordinary."
- Akiane Kramarik

Jacob Vujko



Freshman Mentor 11, Football 9, 10, 11, 12, Powderpuff Coach 11, 12

"Don't take life too seriously. No one ever makes it out alive." - Elbert Hubbard

Jacob Weaver



Class Officer 9, FCA 9, 10, Student Council 9, Football 9, Spikedown 11, 12

"If you ain't first, you're last." - Ricky Bobby

Jay Weaver



Choir 10, 12, Concert Band 9, 10, 11, 12, Marching Band 9, 10, 11, 12, Cheerleading 11, 12

"No good decision was ever made in a swivel chair." - General Patton

Trevor White



Swimming 9

"We all make choices, but in the end, our choices make us." - Andrew Ryan

Joshua Whitehead



"Stand up buckle up shuffle to the door."

Kyle Whitehead



Book 10, Technology 12

"KAZMAKAH!"

Andrea Wireman



Cheerleading 10, 11, 12, Powderpuff 9, 10

"People change and things go wrong, but just remember life goes on."

Cella Wireman



Best Buddies 12, Student Council 12

"Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened." - Dr. Seuss

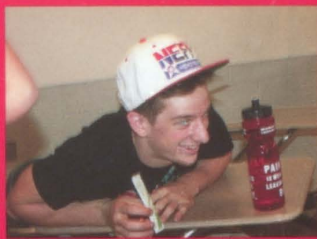
Nicole Wisneski



Choir 9, 10, 11, 12, Drama 10, 11, 12

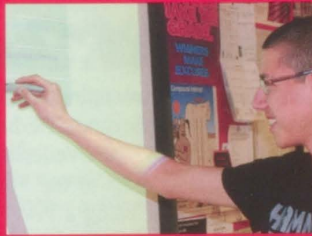
"Open the past and present, and the future too. It's all I've got, and I'm giving it to you."
- Green Day

"I'll definitely miss the theatre and being surrounded by people I love," said Lillian Luttringer. *Photo by K. Noland*



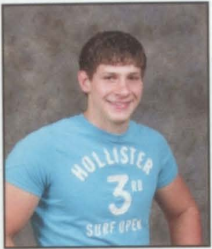
"The fact that instead of depending on other people to help me through the year, I finally get to help other people and be that person they depend on," said Tyler Danta. *Photo by K. Noland*

"The anticipation of finishing something I started 12 years ago. I will miss seeing the people I grew up with and Radio/TV Broadcasting," said Spencer Guerrero. *Photo by K. Noland*



"Best part of being a senior is that school is almost over," said Joshua Whitehead. *Photo by K. Noland*

Aaron Wright



"Learn from your mistakes."

Stephen Yarchan



Basketball 9, 10, 11

"Doin' big things." - The Crew

Danielle Zaremba



Powderpuff 9, 10, 11, 12

"Time changes everything."

Mauricio Zavala



Wrestling 10, 12

"To infinity and beyond!" - Buzz Lightyear

Jianfeng Zhong



Drama 12, Orchestra 12, Foreign Exchange Student 12

"Elegance is an attitude." - Longines

Cari Knip



Decathlon 11, Art Club 10, Book Club 10, 11, Foreign Language 11, Newspaper 11, NHS 10, 11, Orchestra 9, 10, 11, Pathfinders 10, Spell Bowl 11, Student Council 10, 11, Super Bowl 10, 11, Swimming 10, Track Manager 9, 10

"If your presence doesn't have an impact, your absence won't make a difference."

Joshua Lemon



"Good Luck to the Class of 2013."

Ashley Towner



"Good Luck to the Class of 2013."

Not Pictured: Christine Cilek, Helen Clark, Gloria Dian Herrera, Tyler Fitch, Anthony Ford, Grady Garland, Ralph Gentry, Kandice Haun, Matthew Hoover, Jeremy Howard, Renee Jones, Devenne Lewis, Grace McMahan, Thomas Scally, David Schaffner, Jacob Smith, Colby Stately, Juan Urbina, Steven Valle, Christopher Vorderer



1. Ryan Beere
2. Maribeth Strong, Brianna Niemiec, & Felicia Jones
3. Tyler Birky, Mark Lukacek, Matthew Berdine
4. Kayla Gilbert
5. Cella Wireman & Kristin Drenth
6. Tyler Black
7. Taylor Nomanson & Kyle Noland
8. Drake McCarty
9. Ashley Gooden
10. Gage Abbring
11. Morgan Mann
12. Dakota Partin
13. Kyle Stuhlmacher
14. Christin Dahn & Justin DeLong

With all the pressure and responsibilities of being a senior, these 10 students stood out and met the standards of becoming a Super Senior. Leadership roles were taken in sports, academics, and clubs, and the community.

Miranda Retzlaff and Alyssa Matson stood out in Publications. Retzlaff won state awards in photography and layout. Her photo of Chris Rusk was nominated for a national photography award. Matson won yearbook awards at State Competition and received first place for the Sports Section. In softball, she was only the third player from KV ever to be chosen to play in the Indiana All-Star game in Indianapolis.

Ryan Beere won the Academic All Star Award for four years of award winning participation. Maribeth Strong received a Full Ride Scholarship to Grace College to play softball and pursue her career as a Cardiologist. Nina Maze traveled to China as a member of Valparaiso University's Windiana.

To be eligible to become a Super Senior, students must:

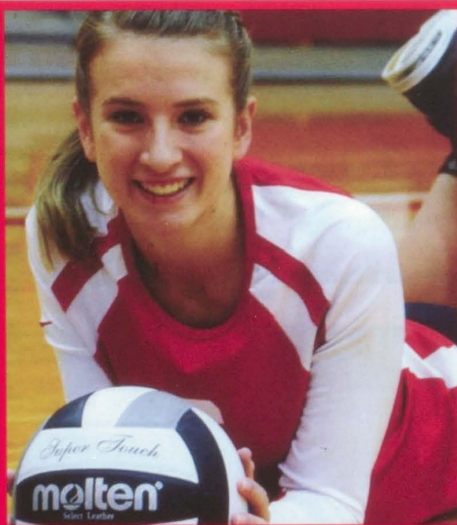
- Maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA
- Have no record of cheating, expulsions or suspensions and have no violation of Indiana State Laws or policies
- Maintain a 95% attendance rate
- Follow all school rules and policies
- Participate in volunteer or community service and be involved in one or more leadership positions
- Be active in a minimum of two extracurricular activities and have a reference letter from a KVHS teacher.

At awards night, Super Seniors received medallions and certificates of honor.



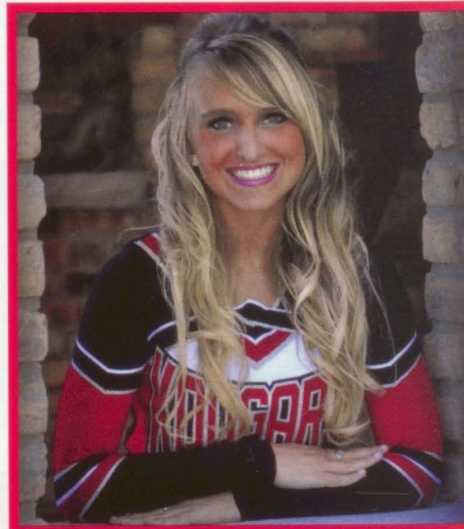
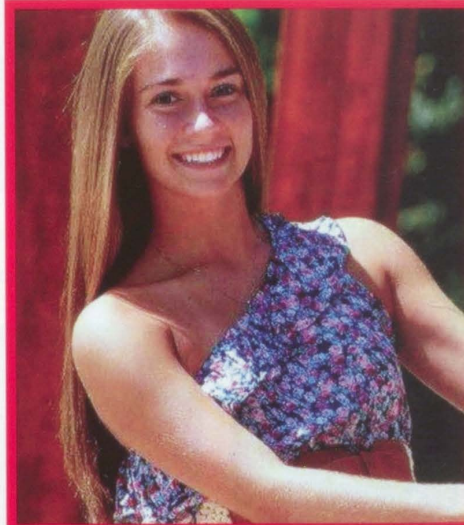
Alexis Tinkel

Tinkel plans on attending Ball State University and majoring in Secondary Education. Not only was she Captain of the Volleyball team, but she also took lead roles of the Foreign Language Club along with being a Peer Tutor. "Being a tutor and working with the kids in Mr. Epley's room really opened my eyes. I will never forget all the memories and smiles they have given me throughout the course of the year."



Brianna Niemiec

Intending on majoring in Dental Hygiene, Niemiec plans on attending Ball State University, "Someone's smile is the first thing I look at. So, I think its perfect for me to make their smile better." Softball, Niemiec's favorite sport, allowed her take the role of Team Captain. "Being a captain of the Softball Team is really important to me and has taught me to be a good example for all of my teammates. I put them first instead of me."



Maribeth Strong

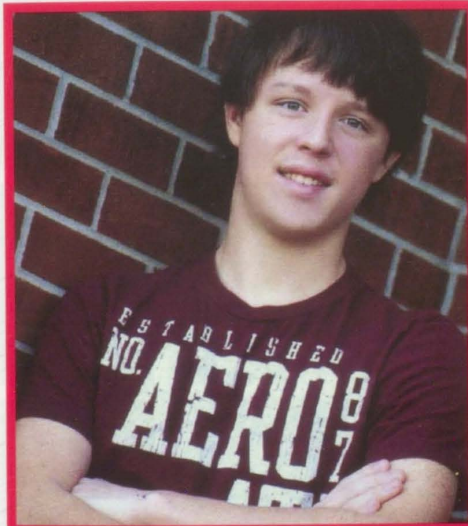
After high school, Maribeth plans to attend Grace College on a four year softball scholarship, and is intending to major in Biology/Pre-Med. "I chose Biology as my major because I plan on attending medical school after getting my Bachelors Degree and eventually becoming a cardiologist." Maribeth has played roles such as Swim Team Captain, Softball Team Captain, NHS President, Senior Class Secretary, and DQ Assistant Manager. "My leadership roles taught me how to be more patient with a group of people and how to organize things better."

Alyssa Tucker

Alyssa is planning to attend Purdue University West Lafayette to major in Business Management. She has cheered on the Varsity Cheerleading Team for three years being named Cheer Captain her senior year. "Being named Captain helped me build leadership and taught me about patience! I chose Business Management because there is such a wide range of things I can do with a Business degree."

Ryan Beere

Planning to attend Rose-Hulman College, Ryan intends to major in Chemical Engineering. "I've always wanted to do engineering, and I really like chemistry so I decided that Chemical Engineering would be a good fit for me." Ryan also played big roles in school such as Captain of the Academic Decathlon and Speech Team and also served as a Math Coach. "My role on the Golf Team had to have been my biggest role in high school. I have been on Varsity all four years and have played the number one position since junior year."



Sophia Hufnagel

Playing big roles in sports and clubs, Sophia Hufnagel was named Captain of the Soccer Team and also a Buddy in Best Buddies Club. Sophia plans to attend Purdue University West Lafayette and intends to major in Elementary Education. "Being a buddy in Best Buddies club was important to me because I got the chance to work with the special needs students and tried my best to be a positive role model for them."

Alyssa Matson Miranda Retzlaff

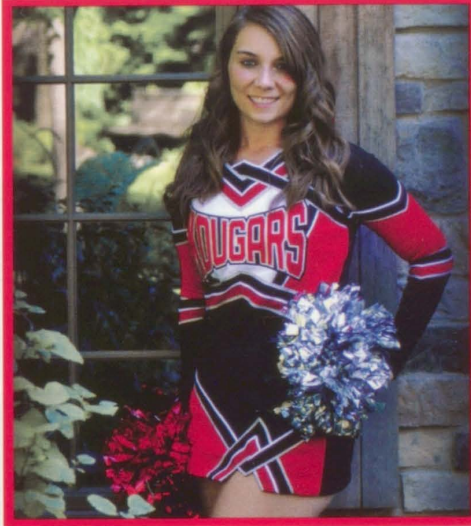
With an intended major in Sports Medicine and a minor in journalism, Matson plans to attend IUPUI on a softball scholarship. Lettering on Varsity Softball all four years, she was named Team Captain her senior year, along with being named Yearbook Editor. "In my whole high school career, I never knew what I really wanted to do, so I chose to major in what I loved to do, and what I was good at. Taking lead roles in softball and yearbook helped me grow into a better leader and really prepared me for college."



Nina Maze

Planning to attend Valparaiso University, Maze will be majoring in Music and Business. "In my life, I have had one major constant; music. It has been with me for years, and it will be with me for years to come. Music is what keeps me going and drives me to greatness." Playing a big role in Orchestra, Maze was given the honor to be the Section Leader of the Violas for three years along with one year as a Tuba leader.

Retzlaff will be attending Purdue University West Lafayette and is planning to major in Elementary Education. Her biggest leadership role in school was Cadet Teaching with the help of Mrs. Hallie Chicki. "Being in Cadet Teaching has been such an amazing experience in high school. It has prepared me for my future career and has been so enjoyable to watch the kids grow. I love working in a classroom and bonding with my students."



Brent VanSoest

VanSoest plans to attend Purdue University West Lafayette where he will major in Landscape Architecture. Playing big roles, VanSoest was named Team Captain of the Boys' Basketball team along with being announced as the NHS Vice President. "I have learned that you need good people around you, and everyone needs to be treated fairly. I chose to pursue Landscape Architecture because I love working outdoors and improving the green space in the community."

J U N I O R S

With 264 students preparing for their future, counselors were busy with information about SAT, ACT, and PSAT which offered National Merit Scholarships to high achievers.

Looking back on their high school career, juniors dominated athletic as well as academic endeavors. "I think we dominated sports because the majority of the teams have played together since we were young up until now," said

Caitlyn Ginaven.

Sponsored by Mrs. Jill Steiner and Mr. Jeff Martin, juniors came in third during Homecoming week and the Lip Sync competition and dominated Seniors on the Powder Puff Field.

Homecoming representative and class president Tatiana Adams said, "I felt so honored knowing my class trusted me enough to elect me as president two years in a row. It's such a big responsibility."



Tatiana Adams
Mary Adcock
Robert Aguillon
Madison Alexander
James Allen
Tyler Armstrong



Cynthia Atkinson
Nicholas Babe
Madison Babicka
Ashley Baker
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Amelia Barraza
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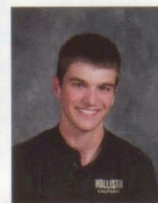
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Austin Brewster



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Lyric Buchanan
Kirsten Burden
Joseph Busse



Taitum Caggiano
Morgan Campbell
Morgan Cavinder
Mitchell Chorzempa
Alexander Christellis
Samantha Christenson





Jordan Clark
Asslie Clemente
Amelia Cobb
Joshua Compton
Adam Conley
Travis Conley
Michael Cook

Christian Cooper
Alyssa Cox
Logan Crim
Kristian Cullings
Alexis Cwiklinski
Trevor Dahlgren
Stephanie Davila

Megan Davis
Andrew Dekoster
Amanda Derolf
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Madison DeYoung
Karla Diaz Herrera
Walter Dinga

Miranda Dodge
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Gregory Driscoll
Jerzy Dunlap
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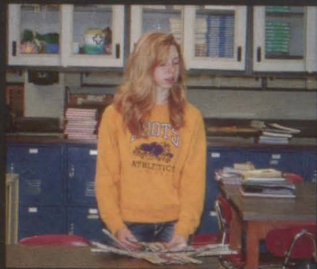
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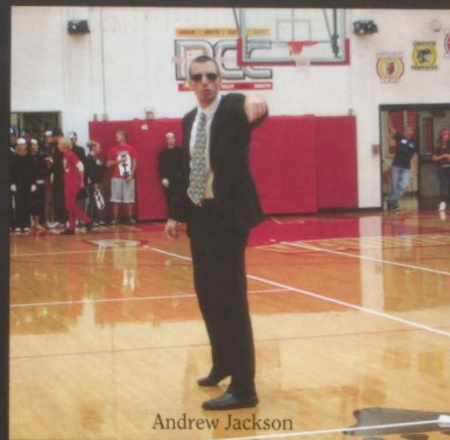
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Daniel Higginbotham

Keegan Higgins
Brett Hoak
Alex Hoffman
Alexis Howard
Grace Huddleston
John Idzik
Alejandro Infante

"My favorite thing about art class was getting to express my feelings through my work. It really made my day more relaxing and let me get all of my stress out," said Emily Prairie. *Photo by C. Wallace*



Kaitlin Gilbert and Luke Sanderson take notes in their Chemistry class with Mr. Lane. "I love my Chemistry class. Mr. Lane is a really great teacher, and he makes the class easier," said Gilbert. *Photo by C. Wallace*

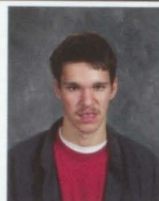


Andrew Jackson

What are your plans after high school?

- 59% College
- 17% Work
- 10% Other
- 10% Military
- 4% Online College

Andrew Jackson
Danny James
Bethany Jansma
Ashley Jarrette
Jacque Jean
Kelsey Johnson
Joli Jungels



Katelyn Kamminga
Zachary Kedziora
Megan Kinney
Hannah Klemp
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Nicole Lea
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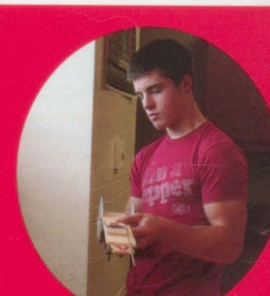
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Moises Abraham Martinez
Moises Jacob Martinez
Mylissa Mattocks



"My funniest high school moment was when my friends Ty and Keith tickled me, and I fell straight down to the ground."
- Amelia Barraza
Photo by C. Wallace



"The best part of school is the Environmental Club. I love just how we're so active in the community."
- Paige Myers
Photo by C. Wallace



"The best thing about being a junior is the fact that we (juniors) can be people to look up to by freshmen and sophomores, and we're just that much closer to getting out of here."
- Joseph Wright



"Two of my most memorable moments were getting a gold at state for choir, and coming out of my shell sophomore year to perform a rap in Mr. Cates' class with Emily Shear. We won and got chocolate!"
- Haley Garza
Photo by C. Wallace



"My favorite thing about being at school is being with all of my friends. We have a lot of laughs and just have a really good time."
- Nicholas Babe
Photo by C. Wallace



Lisette Mercado
Enoc Miguel
Michael Mikovetz
John Miles
Drew Miller
Rachel Milligan
Meagan Minya

Brandyn Misch
Hannah Misch
Tyler Montgomery
Leanna Mulloy
David Munoz
Lacey Myers
Matthew Myers

Paige Myers
Jessica Nagel
Micheal Nannenga
Mike Nava
Tyler Niehoff
Ashley Norberg
Thomas Oakes

Kaylin Orsburn
Kevin Orsburn
Alex Parks
Alexandria Partain
Kathrine Patz
Maria Perez
Everardo Perez Frias

Martin Perez Rodriguez
Mathew Peters
Lonzell Pettit
Robert Piersma
Emily Prairie
Luke Quillen
Zachary Randall

Megan Ratliff
Austin Reed
Daniel Reyes
Jessica Reyes
Michael Reynolds
Jordan Rhoades
Allison Rockley

"The coolest and best thing about being a junior is that I'm getting closer and closer to college and the real world."
- Jordan Likens
Photo by C. Wallace



"My greatest memory is all the good times I've had with my friends. It really is a blast!" - Nicole Lea
Photo by C. Wallace

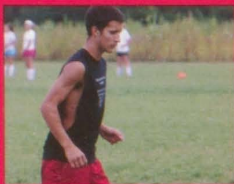


"My biggest challenge was getting motivated to study for tests. I have no motivation because I'm lazy." -Haleigh Wenglarz (also pictured: Megan Kinney) Photo by C. Wallace

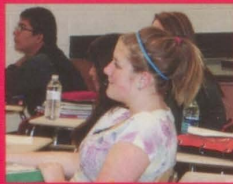


Not Pictured: Brandon Agonis, Jacob Call, Tyler Jaeger, Allison Klarich, Shannon Lang

By: Caitlyn Wallace



"Pretty much playing any sport. I like to just get up and do something. I hate just sitting around," said Michael Vega. *Photo by C. Wallace*



"It would have to be singing in choir. I love to sing, and it's a fun way to sing and be expressive at the same time," said Ashley Baker. *Photo by C. Wallace*



"Acting is one of my favorite activities. I can see the results of our hard work when we put on a good show," said Toni Stoermann. *Photo by C. Wallace*

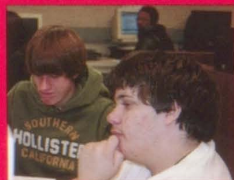


"I really enjoy cooking with my mom because she teaches me the family favorites," said Jessica Zapata. Also pictured: Jose Valenzuela. *Photo by C. Wallace*

What's your favorite activity?



"Making my girl friend smile because she doesn't smile very often," said Devin Uylaki. *Photo by T. Hachica*



"Singing is my favorite because through music I can show so much more," Brandon Franz. Also pictured: Tyler Montgomery. *Photo by C. Wallace*



"Playing football and working out because they keep me fit and motivated for next season," said Kelsey Jones. *Photo by K. Nelson*



"My favorite activity is drawing. I wasn't very good at it to begin with, but as I keep practicing I get better and better," said Courtney Way. *Photo by C. Wallace*

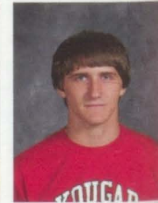
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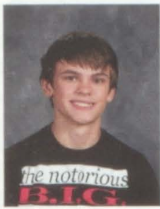


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Madalyn Steinke
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Toni Stoermann



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Brooke Sytsma
Cody Sytsma
William Teeter
James Tendeck





Derick Tesh
Alexander Thompson
Jessica Tiemens
Olivia Trainor
Genna Truelock
Erin Uhrhammer
Devin Uylaki



Jose Valenzuela
Jessica VanBaren
Pamela VanderWoude
Brandon VanSoest
Michael Vega
Lucas Villalpando
Jesse Lee Vosholler



Caitlyn Wallace
Ashley Warren
Courtney Way
Ronald Webster
Haleigh Wenglarz
Rebecca Whirley
Shanna Whitaker



Tessa Whitson
Jordan Wilcox
Hannah Wilder
Matthew Williams
Samantha Williams
Madison Wireman
Janna Witvoet



Eric Wood
Joseph Wright
Zachary Wright
Briana Young
Ruben Yzaguirre
Jessica Zapata
Josefina Zaragoza



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Babicka, Cassandra Shevock, Katelin Gilbert, Hannah Misch, Megan Higgerson, Miryam Herrera, Natalie Lotz, Rachel Milligan. Row 4: Audra Lewis, Hannah Wilder, Abbey Sittema, Deanna Hardin, Megan Kinney, Ariel Garcia, Aubrey Boonstra, Ashley Norberg, Ryley Black, Coaches: David Veldman, Allen Martin, Chuck Demars



Anthony Zoppetti

By Caitlyn Wallace

SOPHOMORES

Led by Mr. Shawn Lane, 277 sophomores strove for recognition. Sophomores who found themselves in the spotlight included Morgan Overstreet who collected over 1,600 pairs of shoes for "Share your Soles". "With a brother who is a runner, there are many shoes lying around the house. So, I found a way to recycle and reuse the shoes," explained Overstreet who completed the project for her Girl Scout Gold

Award.

Hugh O'Brian leadership award winner was Monica Sprouse. "It was great to win such a prestigious award, I was honored to be chosen as one of the better leaders in my class," said Sprouse.

Although the class finished in last place in Homecoming, they dominated in Powder Puff for the second year by beating the freshmen 34-6. "It was great to win Powder-Puff for the second year," added Kala Beenes.

Class Officers: Secretary Kelsie Chaney, Vice President Cassandra Ooms, President Bryce Gawronski, Treasurer Corissa Abell "To be honest, class presidency did not seem as appealing to me as it did freshman year, but deep down

I knew I wanted it. Our world lacks a lot of strong leaders, and I guess I just felt that this was an opportunity for me to take initiative and gain some of the leadership experience I can use later in life," explained Gawronski.



Carley Abel
Corissa Abell
Nicholas Acevez
Luis Alfaro
Alyssa Allen
Rhenz Almira
Kelsey Anderson



Logan Anderson
Justin Arnett
Paige Asbridge
Jared Ast
Michael Baggerly
Callie Baird
Kyle Banaszak



Brittani Barbee
Trevor Barcus
Brittney Bartholomew
Julie Becker
Kala Beenes
Tara Beere
Cody Bell



David Berndt
Justin Berndt
Peyton Billens
Kathryn Birky
David Bohannon
Dustin Bohannon
Kaitlyn Boomsma



Caleb Boose
Jason Borgman
Amy Brennan
Ryan Buck
Tommy Buckmaster
Matthew Burk
Ashley Burns



Travis Butler
Dylan Caldwell
David Call
Marissa Call
Lauren Cambe
Nicole Cardaras
Sintia Carrera



By Taffana Adams,
Kelsie Chaney,
& Rachel Milligan



Orion Ceglarek
Kelsie Chaney
Belanah Chavez
Chase Clark
Anthony Clendenen
Cassandra Cleveland
Eric Cleveland



Kyler Collins
Malia Comia
Colten Conley
Taylor Cope
Nicholas Craig
Christian Crum
Hannah Dancer



Hunter DeHaan
Taylor DeKock
Kyle Delinsky
Mackenzie DeMars
Ryan DeMars
Jacob DeSimini
Jordon Dittrich



Kaitlyn Dock
Ashleigh Downey
Nicole Drennan
Savannah Dugan
Johnathon Dunham
Ricardo Duran
Madison Dyer



Justin Edwards
Calvin Eenigenburg
Kaylee Engstrom
Caitlin Ervin
Madalyn Fiscus
Keith Michael Fitzpatrick
Moriah Fletcher



Jake Forden
Mia Forden
Zachary Fox
Emily Franzen
Ty Furgye
Nathan Furlano
Michelle Fyda



Steven Ganzeveld
Trace Garcia
Sarah Gard
Brandon Gass
Bryce Gawronski
Mackenzie Glenn
Ilse Gomez



Mari Gomez-Zaragoza
Alexis Gonzalez
Kara Gouwens
Madelyn Gregolunas
Amanda Grevenstuk
Kayla Gustafson
Jeffrey Hagan



Joshua Hale
Chloe Hamstra
Garrett Hartman
Jeffrey Hayes
Hanna Helton
Tatyana Hemphill
Erin Hennin

At the Renaissance Faire, Jeffery Lathrop and freshman Kelsey Wireman relate information about careers. Photo By A. Oney

Using the distance formula, Lindsay Holley determines whether sides are congruent on a polygon. Photo By C. Bailey



What music plays on Sophomores' IPODS?

Country 107
Rap/Hip Hop 99
Rock 83
Pop 55
Alternative 38
Jazz 13
Oldies 23
Techno 25

Delaney Hershman
Sydney Hickman
Randy Hojcus
Lindsay Holley
Emily Ingram
Heather Jaki
Craig Jenkins



Mayah Johnson
Savannah Johnson
Brandon Jones
Kaitlyn Jones
Katherine Jones
Samantha Jones
Kaylie Kats



Michelle Kent
Serena Ketchum
Logan Kidwell
Christopher Kieres
Madeline Klauer
Alan Klemp
Neal Klingaman



Heather Koartge
William Korba
Matthew Kralik
Daniel Krueger
Michael Krueger
Joshua Krupchak
Noah Lane



While in Mr. Kotur's room, Kelsey Anderson takes advantage of her time by pulling out her books to study. Photo By K. Chaney

Responding to a classmate in Mrs. Eckert's class, Jeannine Troutner is actively engaged in class discussion. Photo By K. Chaney



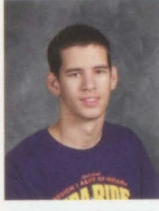
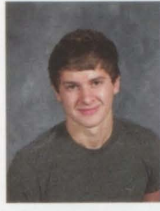
Dancing the night away, Jeffery Hagan takes a break to relax at the Homecoming Dance which incorporated a Masquerade theme. Photo By A. Oney

Caught in mid run, Sadie Voyles streaks away from Kala Beenes during afternoon Powderpuff practice. Sophomores were victorious 34-6 over freshmen in the annual event. Photo By R. Milligan

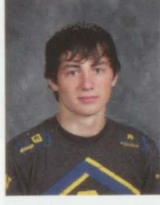




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Timothy Marich
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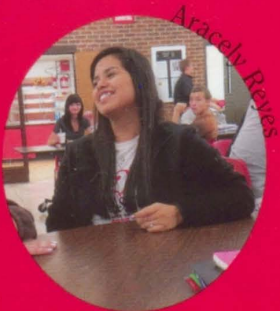
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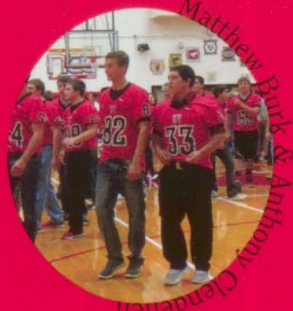
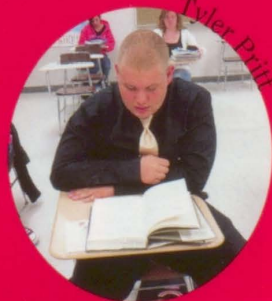


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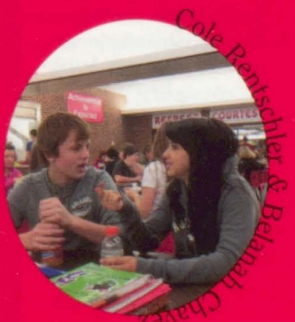
Aracely Reyes shares a laugh with a fellow classmate during lunch break. Reyes used this time to relax from her classes. *Photo By K. Chaney*

Tyler Pritt participates in "Time Out for Reading" sponsored annually by Future Educators of America. Tyler was reading a book checked out from the school library. *Photo By K. Chaney*



Going into Homecoming 6-0, sophomore football players Matthew Burk and Anthony Clendenen enter the gym to the applause of fellow Kougars. *Photo By Z. Wright*

Filled to capacity, the cafeteria resounds with chatter as Cole Rentschler and Belanah Chavez are just two of the students who make the most of their 30 minute lunch. *Photo By K. Chaney*





"My size helps me stand out in the sophomore class. I am one of the shortest sophomores."
-Rhenz Almira



"I stand out in the sophomore class by maintaining a job."
-Kyle Delinsky



"I'm really loud and outgoing, and I always have my work completed."
-Chelsea White



"I try to be interesting and show that school can be fun if you have the right positive attitude."
-Bailey Richardson

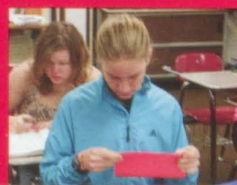
How do you stand out in the Sophomore class?



"I think my dedication to both my academics and athletics makes me stand out as an individual in the sophomore class."
-Bryce Gawronski



"I am not afraid to be who I am."
-Brittney Bartholomew



"My work in the community and attendance at school activities reflects positively upon the sophomore class."
-Michelle Kent



"I stand out in the sophomore class by playing bass guitar in Jazz Band and clarinet in Band. I also like to be involved in class activities."
-Kaitlyn Dock

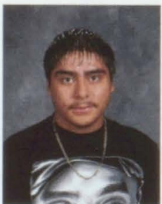
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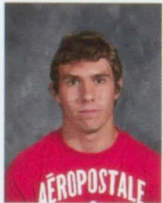
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Caitlin Roth
Ryan Rotkovich
Katie Sanders



Paige Sanders
Beau Sarosy
Adam Sayers
Justin Scally
Koy Schmidt
Triston Schmitt
Chance Schofield



Kendall Schultz
Lindsay Seaman
D'anna Sears
Mykenzie Seegers
Dylan Seitzinger
Gracie Setlak
Jeremy Shearer



Joshua Shearer
Jacob Shebesh
Ethan Shindle
Derrick Shultz
Austin Simanson
Chase Sizemore
Cooper Smith





Joshua Smith
Matthew Smith
Paige Smith
Zachary Smith
Jessica Smundin
Michael Sokol
Monica Sprouse



Nathan Stall
Mariah Stanley
Natalie Stanton
Jacob Stemper
Mia Stevens
Melissa Stowers
Tyler Stromatt



Victoria Strong
Warren Swinford
Jason Szerlak
Hannah Taylor
Jacob Tillger
Jeannine Troutner
Jessica Trueblood



Lauren VanderWall
Megan VanVleet
Eric Vorst
Sadie Voyles
Michayla Walter
Joshua Whitaker
Chelsea White



Bailey Williams
Clay Williams
John Williams
Zachary Williams
Tyler Wilson
Zachary Witkowski
Michael Witvoet



Megan Wolf
Katherine Woolever
Kaitlyn Wrezinski
Jonathon Wright
Tyler Wright
Victoria Wyrobek
Heather Yates

Rikki Young



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Not Pictured:

Desiray Arnold, Paige Blanton, Chris Booker, Cheyenne Buntin, Dylan Flanagan, Shawn Garner, Christian Guajardo, Wyatt Howes, Joshua Knutson, Autumn Mallard, Jazzmond Mays, Chase McCoy, Amber North, Damien Oldfield, Justin Oliver, Aracely Reyes, Zachary Stan, Michael Thomas, Gabrielle Waugaman

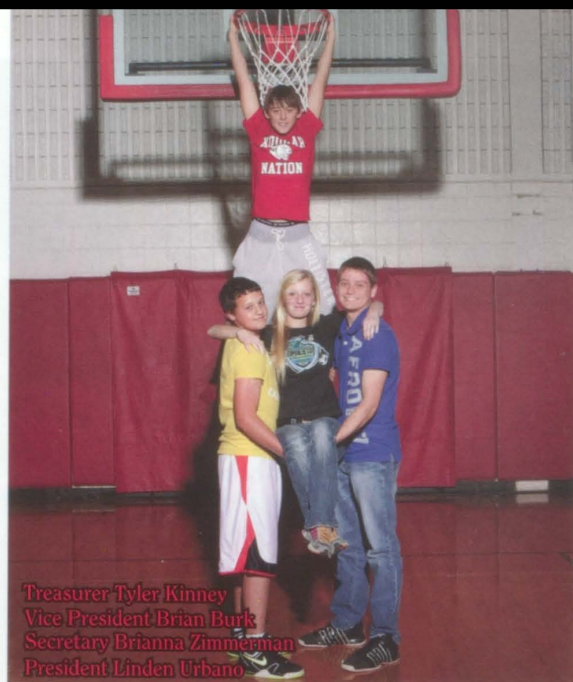
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New to high school, 265 teens started school before August 14 when they attended Kougar Kick Off. "Even though the first day of school is always rough, it's better when you have great friends to help you out," said Brian Burk.

On Kougar Kick Off Day, dressed in their red identity shirts, freshmen had a chance to figure out their way around the school, meet up with classmates, bond with their mentors, and sign the unity banner

that hung in the main hallway. "Having the Kougar Kick Off helped reduce confusion on where to go. I felt less pressured," said freshman Dalton Milbourn.

Under the direction of class sponsor English teacher John Spinks, freshmen decorated the halls and marched around the school on Homecoming morning behind their banner. Homecoming Court representatives were Samantha Tokarz and Dar- rick Webster.



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Jason Bobo
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Chloe Buchanan
Hannahmae Buckmaster
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Andi Cunanan
Alton Curry
Michael Curtis
Eric Davis
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Celina DeVries
Riley DeYoung
Brandon Drenth
Jacob Drwal
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James Elliott
Paige Epley
Zachary Estrada
Kannon Exton
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Kiley Ferris
Kevin Fisher
Kelsey Fleming
Cody Fletcher
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Nina Freund
Cameron Fritts
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Ana Garcia
Kreed Gentz
Jeremy Gergely



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Kayla Groen
Megan Groen
Cody Gronkiewicz
Nathan Guerrero
Oscar Gutierrez
Taylor Hachlica

"My favorite part of being new to the school is all the people that I've met."
-Rebecca Ruth, 9 *Photo By S. Dykstra*

During Algebra 1, Kelsey Fleming helps classmate Angela Jakubowicz study for the final. *Photo By S. Dykstra*



What's your favorite thing to do on a Friday night?

- 45% Hang out with friends
- 24% Hang out with parents
- 21% Go to the movies
- 10% Sleep

Andrew Hamstra
Emily Hamstra
Samuel Hamstra
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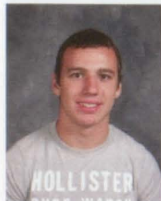
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Kelsie Howe
Isabel Infante
Abigail Jackson



Dylan Jackson
Angela Jakubowicz
Amber James
Matthew Jenkins
Vanessa Jerzyk
Alexis Johnson
Brionna Johnson



Decked out in their finery, Summer Mitchell and Jerome Wyrobek await the next dance at the semi-formal Homecoming Dance sponsored by the cheerleaders.
Photo by A. Oney



Showing off her festive spirit, Chansie Morgan displays her Mardi Gras mask. Homecoming was not only a time of supporting fall sports, it was a great way for classmate bonding. *Photo by P. Baggerly*

Class of
2016



Julia Johnson
Noah Johnson
Jenna Jungels
Brianna Keister
Haylee Kenning
Sarah Kerkes
Caitlin Kerulis

Katelynd Kessinger
Tyler Kinney
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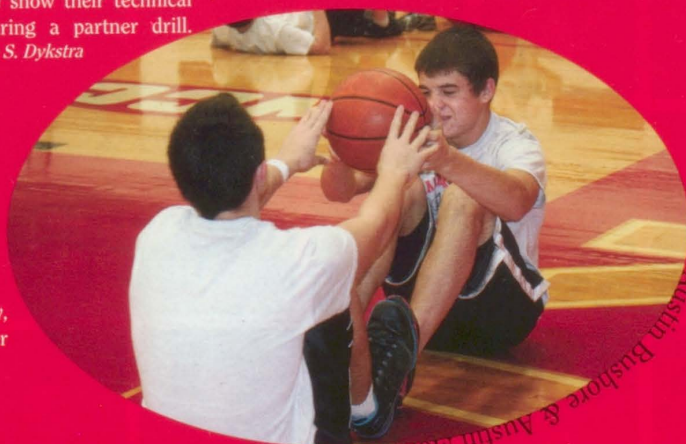
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Samantha Mitchell
Summer Mitchell
Cody Moore
Hunter Moore

Kaitlyn Moore
Austin Morrison
Kaylie Musall
Mason Myers
Morgan Nagy
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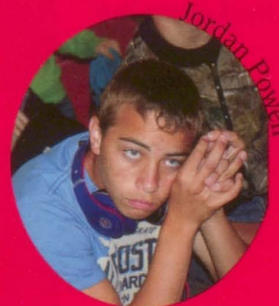
Austin Morrison and Austin
Bushore show their technical
skill during a partner drill.
Photo by S. Dykstra



Austin Bushore & Austin Morrison



Enjoying her favorite period of the day,
Kelsey Fleming eats her lunch with her
friends. *Photo by P. Baggerly*



Listening to music through his Dr. Dre
beats, Jordan Powell reflexes on his school
day. *Photo by P. Baggerly*



"Experiencing my first Homecoming with my friends was great."
- Chloe Buchanan



"My favorite memory was seeing the football team win the barrel back."
- Matthew Jenkins

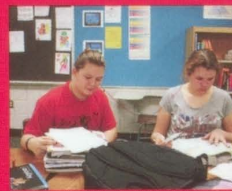


"My favorite memory was meeting new people and finding new friends."
- Angela Jakubowicz



"My favorite memory was finding out that I had lunch with all my friends!"
- Rayann Pavichevich

What's your favorite freshman memory?



"My favorite freshman memory was the first day of school because it was exciting and fun!"
- Samantha Mitchell



"My favorite memory was the giant pep rally Homecoming week. Even though we lost, it was so much fun!"
- Judith Smart



"Making Advanced Choir as a freshman has to be my favorite memory."
- Nathan Guerrero



"The most fun thing we've done was Homecoming week. It was so cool!"
- Russel Baize

Kayla Petruska
Crystal Podegracz
Emily Poe
Hunter Popp
Kyla Porter
Jordan Powell
Allison Pumnea



Kyle Rae
Ariauna Revercomb
Cole Ribicki
Jonathan Roberts
Mariah Robinson
Steven Robinson
Juliana Rodriguez



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Ashley Sanders
Alec Sanders-Hankins
Sarah Schaezel
Kendall Schneider
Kaitlin Schwartz



Jordan Sculley
Alyssa Serviss
Hannah Sherwood
Amanda Shonk
Kacee Shultz
Bryan Sipkema
Francheska Slayton



Judith Smart
Shania Sons
Zachary Stalhandske
Alexander Steinberg
Joseph Steinke
Jared Stemper
Jonathan Stepp



Jessica Sutton
Skylar Sutton
Emily Tauber
Zachary Templeton
Cassandra Tiemens
Isaac Tillema
Abby Tinkel





Samantha Tokarz
Ranen Toosley
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Linden Urbano
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Jenna VanSoest
Alex Villalpando
Steven Voyak
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Schuyler Walters
Jillian Warner
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Angela Weaver
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Jessica Wyrick
Jerome WYROBEK
Jessica Young
Dannae Yozman
Gabriela Zaragoza
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Freshman Powder Puff Row 1: Patience Baggerly, Coach Dillon Grace Row 2: Summer Mitchell, Lili Augustyn, Felicia Galusha, Maegan Hernandez Row 3: Tuesday Sabol, Judith Smart, Cassandra Tiemens, Haley Wotherspoon, Sydney Capouch, Sonny Anderson, Kaylie Musall Row 4: Kaitlyn Hoffman, Caitlin Kerulis, Nina Freund, Kylee Cornelius, Hannah Travis, Allison Punnea, Kacey Shultz, Jessica Trueblood Row 5: Coach Mrs. Diana Freund, Mr. James Freund, Brianna Keister, Faith Hoffman, Samantha Mitchell, Taylor Bacewic, Tabitha Hart, Katelynd Kessinger, Mr. Rick Berdine, Francheska Slayton

Not Pictured: Ryker Earl, Steven Funk, Maegan Hernandez, Mason Myers, Araceli Perez, Vanessa Ponda

[Staff enjoys life]

What is better than seeing the look on a teacher's face when he/she was asked what he/she did outside of school. Answers went from school involvement to family focused activities.

"We are beginning to work on an organic garden in the courtyard," said Ms. Patterson. She has been in charge of the Environmental Club for over 20 years. Patterson also took student volunteers down to the Jasper County Conservancy once a month and headed

a trip to Starved Rock in January for the Eagle Watch.

Mrs. Sue Kwiatkowski spent her summer building a cabin where she planned to write. Kwiatkowski won an \$8,000 Lily grant to fund the project.

In his free time, Principal Keeman Lobsiger collects WWII memorabilia. "I assembled my WWII exhibit over a period of 45 years. It is a tribute to the members of my family who were part of the Greatest Generation."

"I enjoy developing friendships with the students who need an ear to listen. The kids think they need me. However, I need their friendship," said

Mrs. Diane Cavinder. Mrs. Cavinder was talking with Main Office Secretary Mrs. Jordan Boone and Study Hall Aide Mrs. Donna Sohn



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Kathy Eckert
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Paul Epley
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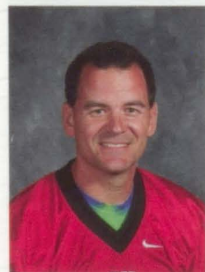
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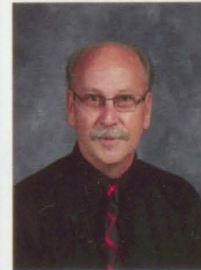
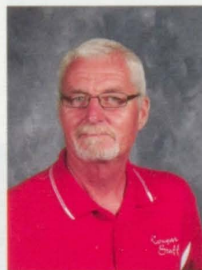
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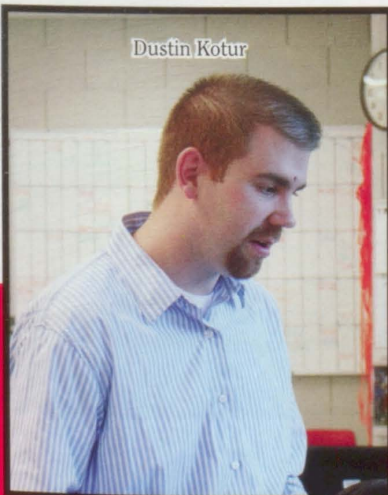
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Kathy McKinney
English/Publications
Michelle Meadows
Assistant Principal
Jeff Moolenaar
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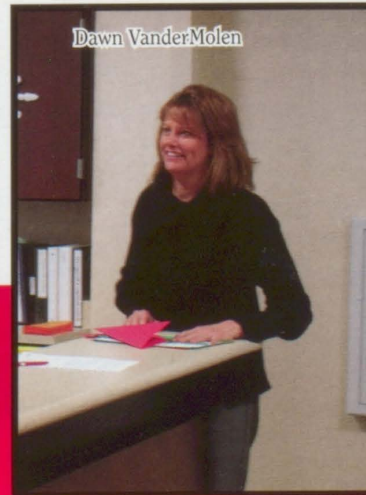
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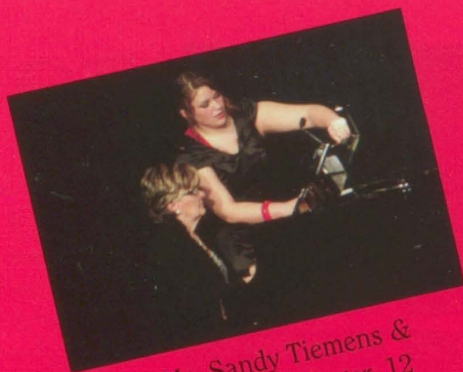
Dawn VanderMolen

"What makes me look forward to my job every day is being able to help students, and see the sense of understanding and comprehension from the students." commented Dustin Kotur - Learning Lab

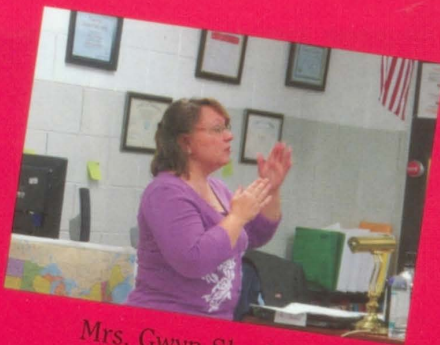
"My favorite thing about my job is the people I work with. They are wonderful and make coming to work every day a joy." commented Dawn VanderMolen - Guidance Office Secretary

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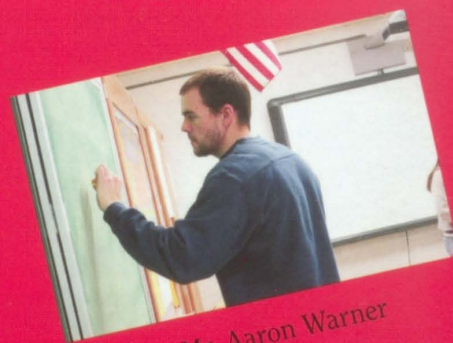
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Julie Martin
Pam Mathis
Maureen Melton
Lacey Runyon
Andrea Scheidt
Billy Shepherd
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Schroeder & Price say Good-bye to Teaching, Hello to Fun

After 38 years of teaching for Mrs. Jennifer Schroeder, and 30 years for Mrs. Pat Price, they say good-bye to school and hello to adventure!

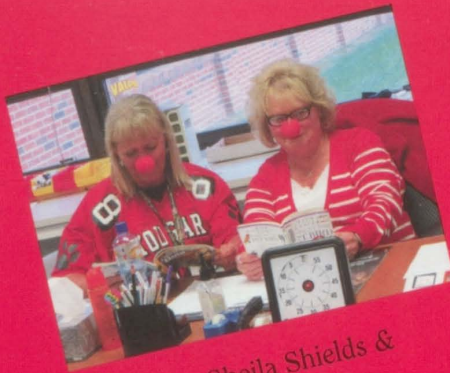
Price planned on building a house after her retirement, and Schroeder aimed to spend more time with her grandchildren. Both of them decided to travel and to just have some fun with life. "I'm looking forward to

sleeping in in the mornings," Price laughed, "but I'll miss teaching, I'll miss being with the kids."

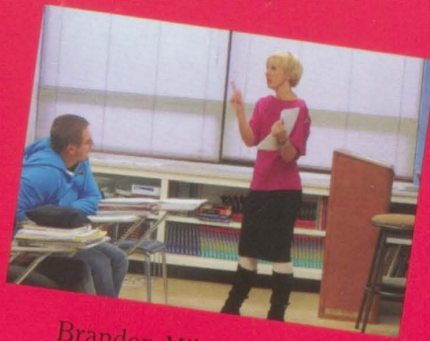
During their tenure, Schroeder established the annual nursery school and formulated new classes for Consumer Life Sciences. Price was known for her annual food drives, AP History lectures, *Tora Tora Tora*, support of cancer research, and smiles.



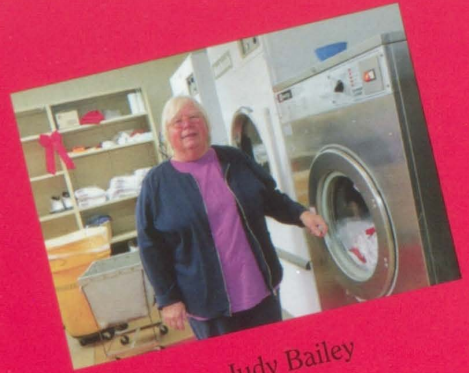
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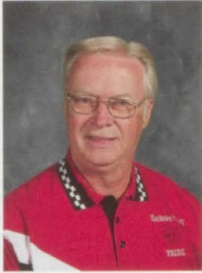
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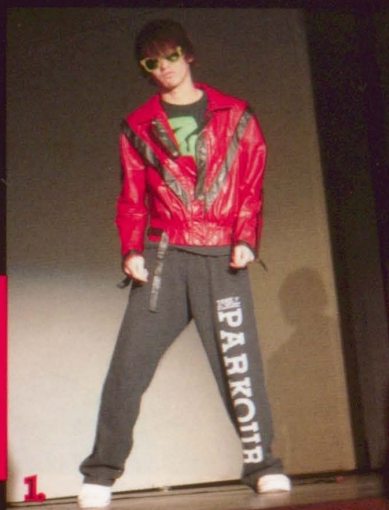
Juniors Miryam Herrera, Asslie Clemente, Mirka Roman-Cortez, and Jordan Clark steam broccoli during Mr. Michael Lovely's first hour French III class. "I loved getting the chance to cook with my friends," said Herrera. Students were involved in a co-academic program which combined French students with Ms. Kelly Bengé's Foods class to prepare a formal French dinner. *Photo by A. Warren*



During Mrs. Gwyn Skrobol's first hour World History class, freshmen Riley DeYoung, Andrew Hamstra, and Dylan Jackson work on a chapter review. "World History is one of my favorite classes. I like how we always do lots of activities," said Jackson. *Photo by A. Warren*



At the start of gym class, freshmen Samuel Hamstra, Matthew Jenkins, Emily Poe, and Hunter Popp warm up by running around the tennis courts. "Learning how to play all the different sports is what I like most about gym class," said Popp. *Photo by C. Bailey*





During Mrs. Crystal Heuft's fourth hour Chemistry class, sophomore Adam Sayers tests out an experiment having to do with chemicals catching on fire. *Photo by R. Milligan*



Kaitlyn Jones '10

1. Senior Matthew Dancho performs to Michael Jackson's "Beat It" during seventh hour Theatre Arts. "What I like most about Theatre Arts is how interactive we are, and how loud Mrs. Steiner can get," said Dancho. *Photo by C. Wallace*

2. On a Fiesta Day, juniors Bethany Jansma, Audra Lewis, and Karla Duran make themselves a plate of food during Mrs. Smith's fifth hour Spanish III class. "I like Fiesta days because we get to eat many different kinds of Spanish food," said Jansma. *Photo by A. Matson*

3. For his speech, senior William Misch demonstrates how to ride a skateboard. "Riding a skateboard can be hard, especially when you're trying to keep your balance. With a little practice, anybody can do it," said Misch. *Photo by C. Bailey*

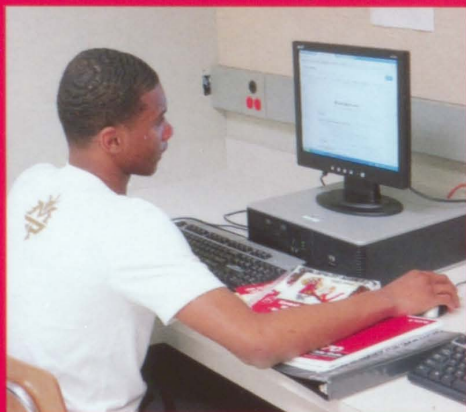
4. Freshmen Jazmin Valenzuela and Melissa Matthews work together on a Geometry worksheet. "Geometry can be very difficult at times, but I love the feeling I get when I finally get it right," said Valenzuela. *Photo by C. Bailey*

5. During their performance of "Want You Back" by Cher Lloyd, seniors Blake Tuohy and Lillian Luttringer act like a loving couple. "I loved performing in the music videos, it was a lot of fun and my favorite part of the day," said Luttringer. *Photo by A. Warren*

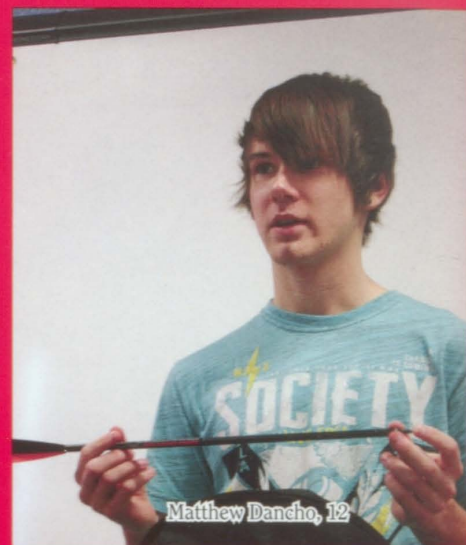
6. Sophomore Ty Furgye and junior Amelia Barraza build a mouse trap car during Mrs. Coster's ICP class. "Building the mouse trap cars was fun, and it's not something that you get to do every day," said Furgye. *Photo by A. Warren*



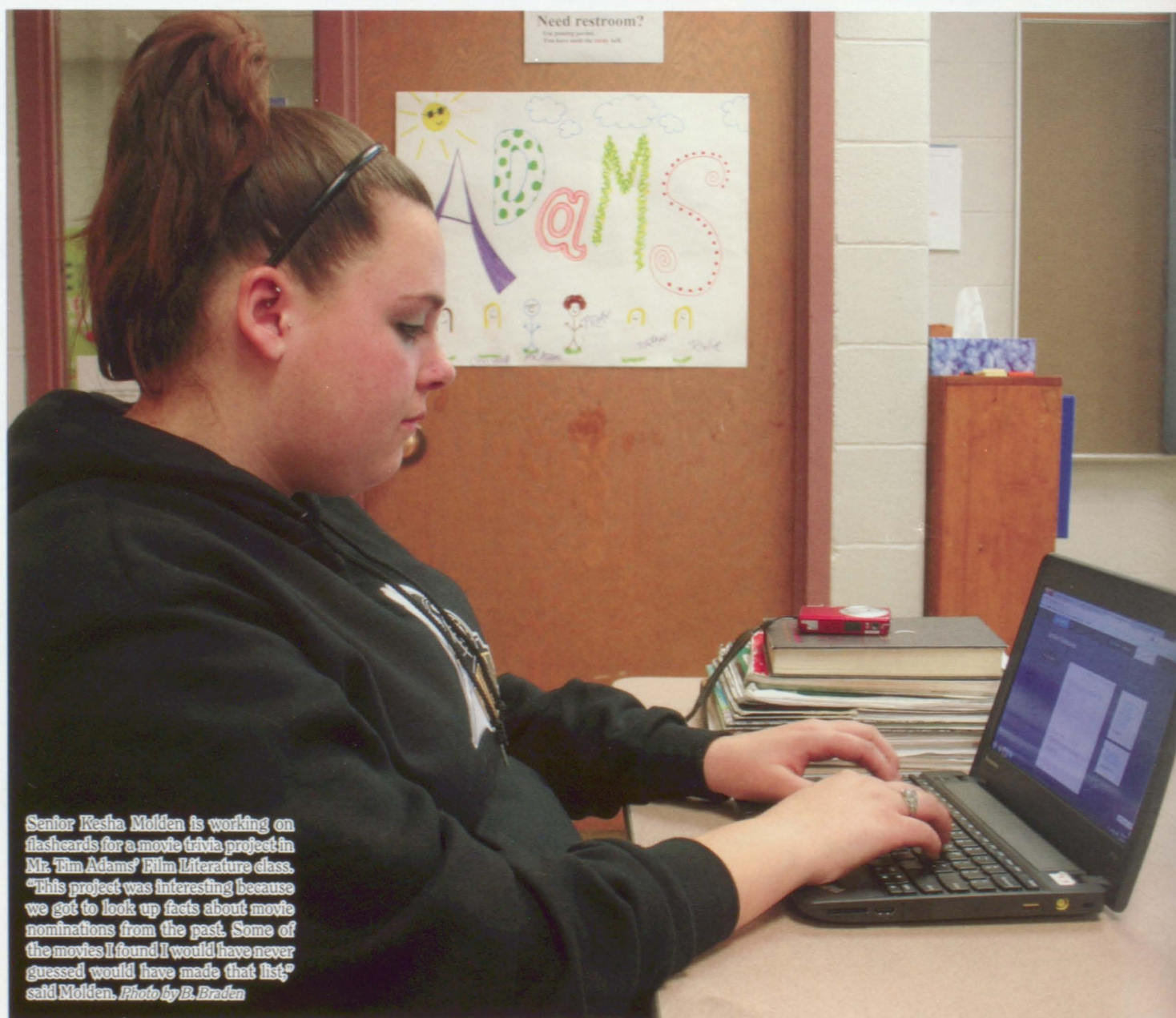
During Mrs. Hallie Chicki's first hour English 11 class, junior Alonte' Blackwell works on his resume project. "The resume was a hard concept to grasp at first, but I know it will help me be ahead of others in the future," said Blackwell. *Photo by B. Braden*



In Mrs. Steiner's speech classes, students are assigned to present a "Bag" speech. "The most fun thing about speech class is being able to be in front of people and have all the attention on me," commented senior Emily Cwiklinski. *Photo by A. Oney*



Matthew Dancho, 12



Senior Kesha Molden is working on flashcards for a movie trivia project in Mr. Tim Adams' Film Literature class. "This project was interesting because we got to look up facts about movie nominations from the past. Some of the movies I found I would have never guessed would have made that list," said Molden. *Photo by B. Braden*

[You're never wrong when you write]

By: Brittany Braden

Mr. Tim Adams advanced the English experience with lap top computers on which teens completed homework. "My favorite project in the class was the stop shot project. I loved seeing how everything came together," said senior Marisol Sanchez.

From being a freshman and reading "To Kill a Mockingbird" and building bird houses to being a senior and

getting to choose what English class interested them, teens were offered a variety of literary experiences.

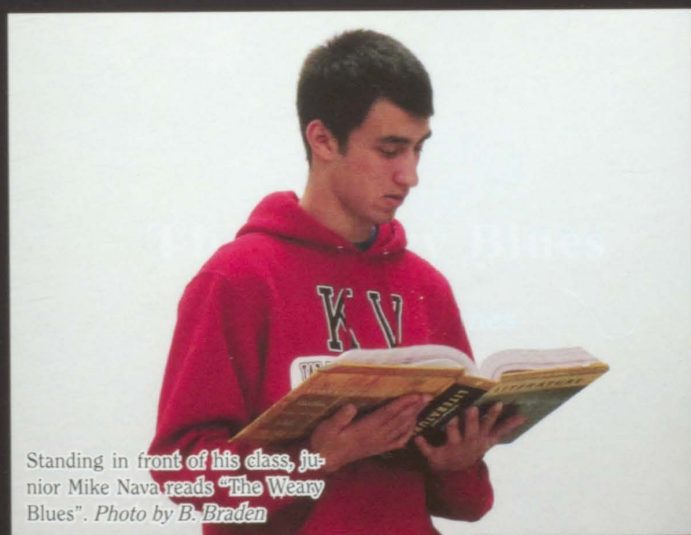
Freshmen improved grammar, research, and writing skills. In the English 10 classes taught by Mr. Cates, Mrs. Kwiatkowski, and Mrs. Eckert, pupils enjoyed "King Arthur" and "Julius Caesar" along with musical poetry and an Honors 10 page research paper. "My

paper was about bullying and the best part was explaining how words do hurt, and people can make a difference if they really try," commented sophomore Paige Maki.

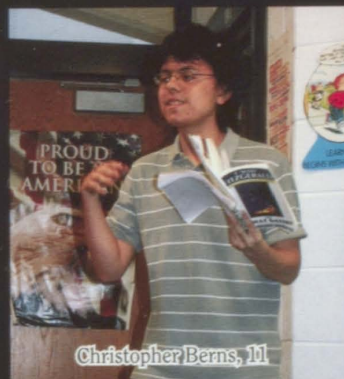
Walking into Mrs. Hallie Chicki's classroom was like being a part of a Dr. Seuss production. Teens relaxed and learned surrounded by a cafe and brick wall covered with posters. In April teens

gave an oral presentation of "A Raisin in the Sun".

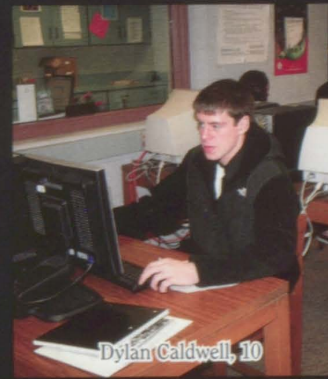
Mrs. McKinney's classes did a fantastic job on book and poem Power Point presentations. "Receiving extra credit for going above and beyond was most definitely the best part of the project," said junior Keegan Higgins who used an original reading of Langston Hughes' poem as part of his assignment.



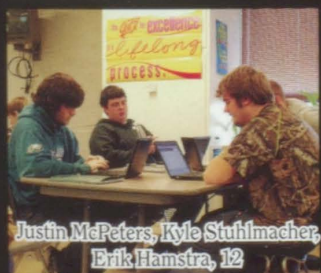
Standing in front of his class, junior Mike Nava reads "The Weary Blues". Photo by B. Braden



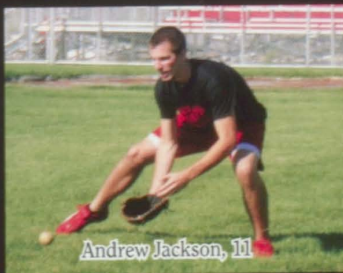
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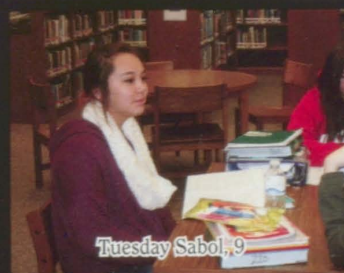
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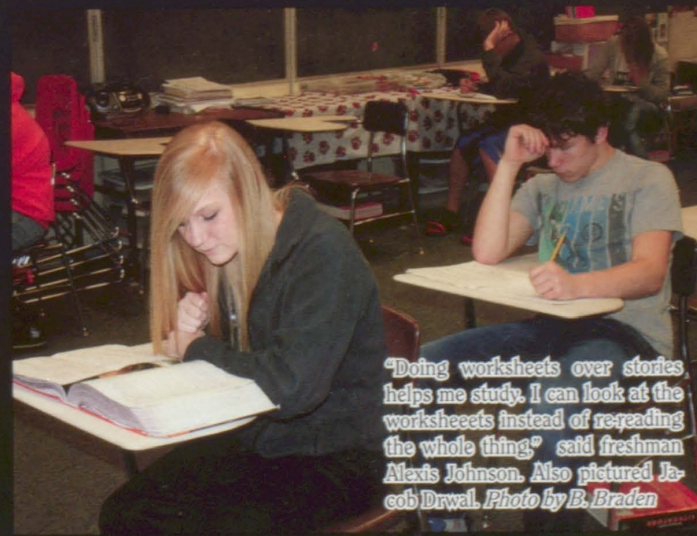
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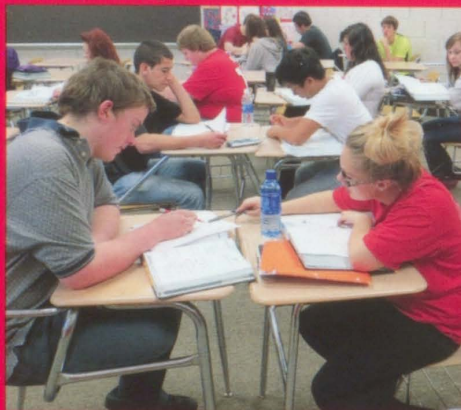


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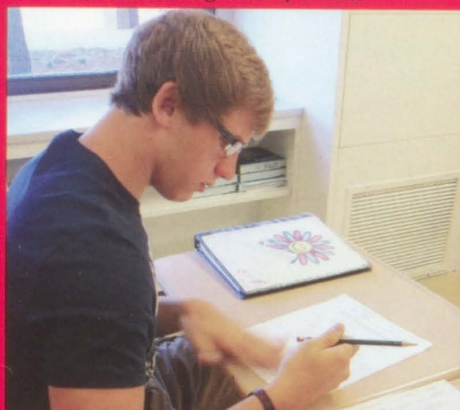


"Doing worksheets over stories helps me study. I can look at the worksheets instead of rereading the whole thing," said freshman Alexis Johnson. Also pictured Jacob Drwal. Photo by B. Braden

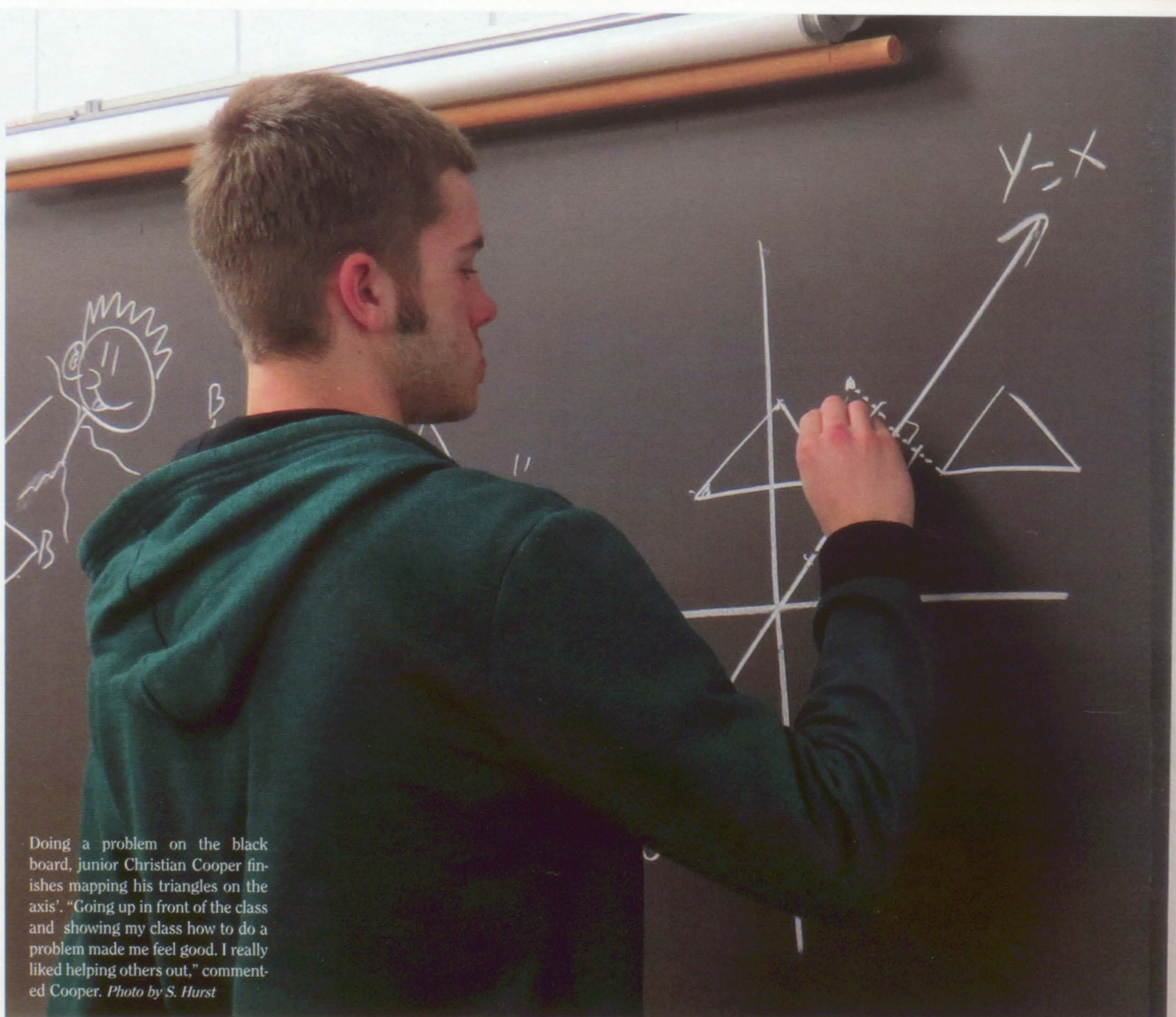
Sophomores Michael Krueger and Heather Meeks work on their homework after learning the lesson. "Working with a partner helps me understand what I am supposed to be doing and actually understand it," commented Krueger. *Photo by S. Hurst*



Working on his Geometry Review, freshman Logan Abbring studies for his test. "Being a freshman in a sophomore class made me a little nervous at first, but after seeing so many of my peers in my class I felt a lot better," said Abbring. *Photo by S. Hurst*



Heather Jaki, 10



Doing a problem on the black board, junior Christian Cooper finishes mapping his triangles on the axis'. "Going up in front of the class and showing my class how to do a problem made me feel good. I really liked helping others out," commented Cooper. *Photo by S. Hurst*

[Calculating the day away]

By: Shelby Hurst
more Ethan Shindle.

Hands on and focused experiences gave students an opportunity to learn something new in math class. With every child having a different learning process, teachers adjusted their lessons with new strategies like "Think, Pair, Share".

"The most interesting thing about any class should be seeing how material connects to real world situations," commented Mr. Herald

Hostetler. In Hostetler's AP Calculus, students completed a project on how to use Calculus to compute the area, volume, and change in a real world setting.

In Mrs. Judy Roberts' Pre-Calculus and Trigonometry classes, students created poster boards showing the 12 Basic Functions. They took pictures of every day things that represented these functions.

In Mr. John Gray's Algebra and Geometry classes, computers were used to take tests and do homework.

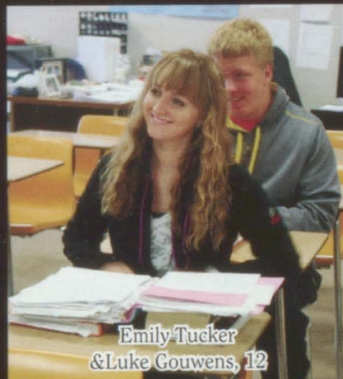
"Being able to do Logic Problems for extra credit in Ms. Howard's Honors Algebra II classes helped me understand the lesson a little more. Connecting it to real life really shows me that the knowledge we learn does get used," commented sopho-

Algebra II, Geometry, and Algebra I were under the domain of Mr. Alan Nagel.

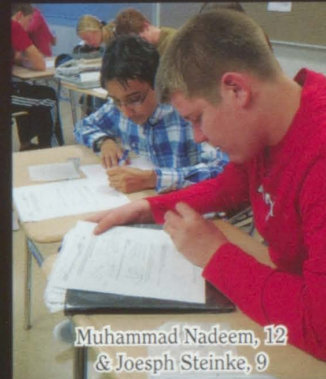
Using the Promethean Board, Mr. Bill Shepherd provided an interactive environment that promotes note taking and learning. "I always have my desk open for questions. Seeing a student understand a lesson makes it all worth while," said Shepherd.



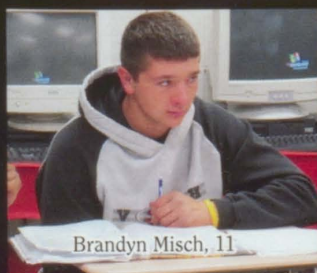
Freshmen Caitlin Kerulis and Andi Cunanan complete their Geometry review worksheet for Mrs. Roberts' class. Photo by S. Hurst



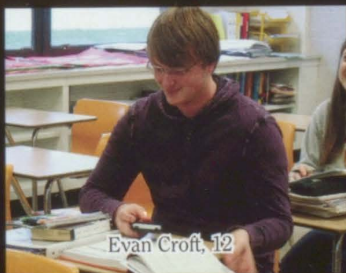
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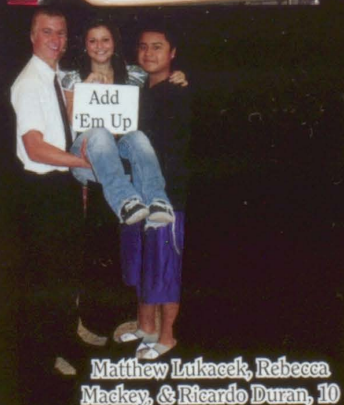
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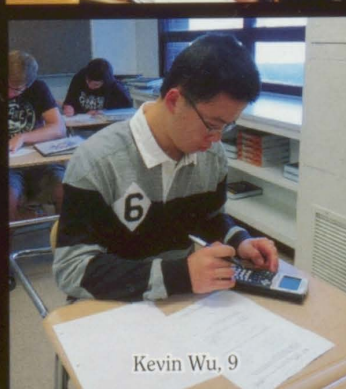
Brandyn Misch, 11



Evan Croft, 12



Matthew Lukacek, Rebecca Mackey, & Ricardo Duran, 10



Kevin Wu, 9



Juniors Walter Dinga and Thorin Schmitt use their compasses to create perfect circles for their math projects. Photo by S. Hurst

Senior Muhammad Nadeem jumps back after igniting his methane soap filled hands "Even with the fear, the excitement was greater. I would say confidence was built after seeing other students experience the flame," said Nadeem. *Photo by R. Milligan*



In Biology I, freshman Kiley Ferris looks into a tank. "In biology, I learned of new things and got to participate in a variety of experiments. We even got to watch baby chicks hatch and identify different trees around the school," said Ferris. *Photo by K. Chaney*



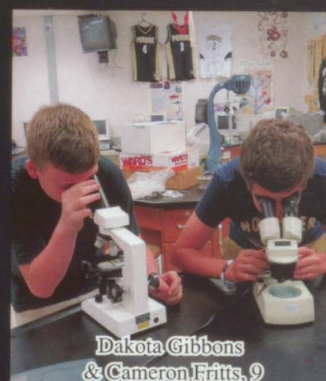
Katherine Jones & Samantha Piepenbrink, 10



Seniors Casey Voigt and Shelby Schoon and junior Courtney Brzezinski combine substances in a test tube. *Photo by K. Chaney*



Nicole Mosher, 12



Dakota Gibbons & Cameron Fritts, 9



David Berndt, 10



Asslie Clemente, 11



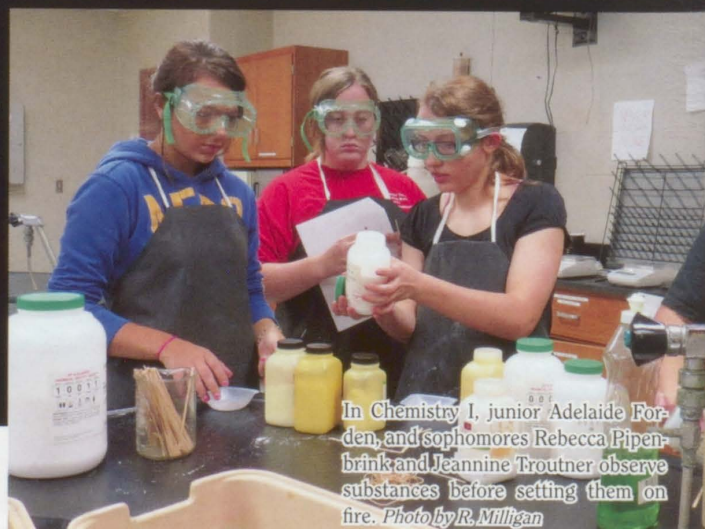
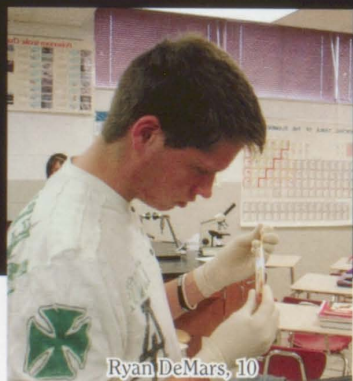
Laura Estrada, 12



Joseph Wright, 11



Ryan DeMars, 10



In Chemistry I, junior Adelaide For-den, and sophomores Rebecca Piepenbrink and Jeannine Troutner observe substances before setting them on fire. *Photo by R. Milligan*

Students ignite their minds

By: Kelsie Chaney

Explosions, fires, dissections and other fun experiments were what made science classes a favorite among many students.

Six teachers took on eight regular classes, two AP classes and three honors classes.

Chemistry consisted of learning about things as small as atoms and molecules, to things as big as chemical reactions that caused fires and explosions. Chem students enjoyed

experiments such as lighting soap on fire in the palm of their hands, observing light prisms, and seeing how acids and bases react when mixed together.

In biology classes, students observed microorganisms under microscopes, dissected pigs and frogs, and discovered what happened when certain mixtures were combined.

In Ms. Patterson's Environmental Science class, students

visited a shrimp farm, a wind-mill farm, went rafting down a river, and cleaned the court yards. "My favorite field trip was when we went water rafting because we had a huge water fight, and everyone was soaking wet," commented junior Kaylin Orsburn.

ICP students made mouse trap cars, did chemical experiments, and built roller coasters out of tubes and a marble.

"ICP taught me the basics of chemistry and physics, which will help me next year in my science class," explained sophomore Amanda Grevenstuk.

Physics class focused mostly on the mathematical side of science and did a number of experiments as well.

Overall, science classes made every students' day more exciting. Science made students' year much more memorable.



Ms. Hanley helps assist seniors Kyle Whitehead and Rennee Jones while they dissect a fetal pig. "The pig dissection was a lot more fun than I expected. I never would have thought I would like dissecting anything, but it was a good experience," explains Jones. Photo by K. Chaney

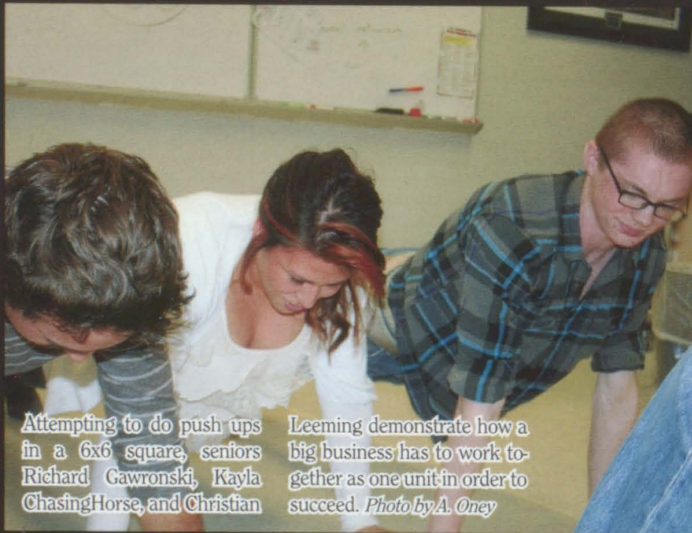
US History: In Mr. Mullinax's United States History class, juniors Aubrey Boonstra and Jerzy Dunlap listen intently as students present their projects. The class was studying WWII. *Photo by A. Oney*



Economics: Taurie Piatt and Mauricio Zavala work together on their JunoEd on the iPads. The iPads were a new experiment, and JunoEd was an online program that gave students the opportunity to do assignments on the internet. *Photo By: A. Oney*

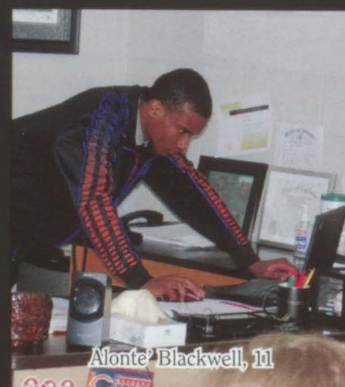


Kelsey Wireman, 9

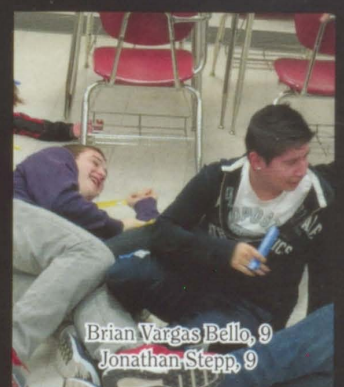


Attempting to do push ups in a 6x6 square, seniors Richard Cawronski, Kayla ChasingHorse, and Christian

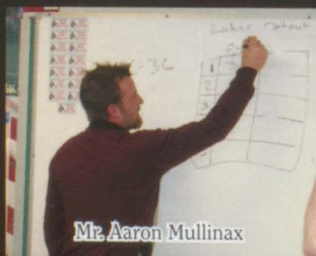
Leeming demonstrate how a big business has to work together as one unit in order to succeed. *Photo by A. Oney*



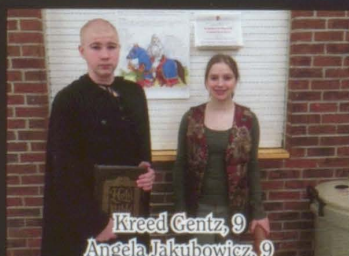
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Brian Vargas Bello, 9
Jonathan Stepp, 9



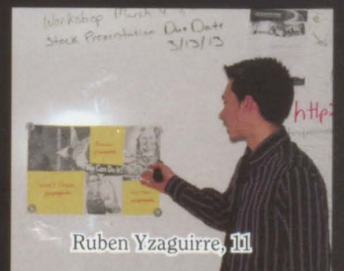
Mr. Aaron Mullinax



Kreed Gentz, 9
Angela Jakubowicz, 9



Sydney Barrett, 11



Ruben Yzaguirre, 11



Linden Urbano, 9



Thaddeus Horvath, 12



As they prepare for their French Revolution test, Mr. Dan Ellenwood's World History class re-enacts the Battle of Waterloo. *Photo by A. Oney*

[Teens study yesterday's history]

By: Adanna Oney

From Trench wars to Renaissance Faires, stock projects to music videos, Social Studies classes did it all. In Economics students picked a song, wrote their own lyrics, and recorded themselves singing it.

One of Mrs. Skrobul's biggest projects was the famous Trench Wars. Students had the opportunity to reenact World War I. Students hid behind boxes with their plastic weap-

ons. Some students even carried the "wounded soldiers" and took them to "safety".

History teachers united and brought their classes together for the Renaissance Faire. Students dressed up as different people from the Renaissance Era. Students gathered information and taught their peers about the characters they chose.

Ellenwood led his students in the reenactment the Battle

of Waterloo. Students all got in a big group and peers charged at each other. They gave their best attempt at the reenactment of the battle.

After 30 years of teaching, Mrs. Price retired. "My favorite memory from teaching is when I watched a boy get dressed in an all pink suit. He was portraying Kennedy's daughter while doing a reenactment of the Kennedy assass-

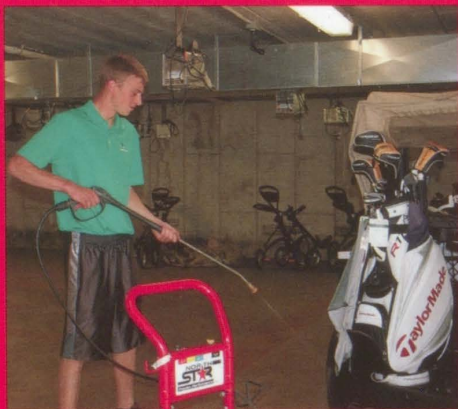
sination," commented Price.

A great asset for Economics classes were the iPads. "I liked how easy I could access the internet. It made researching the material we needed easier to do. The only complaint I would have would be that sometimes the internet connection failed, causing the iPads to run slow. Overall, the iPads were a great addition to the classroom," said senior Taurie Piatt.

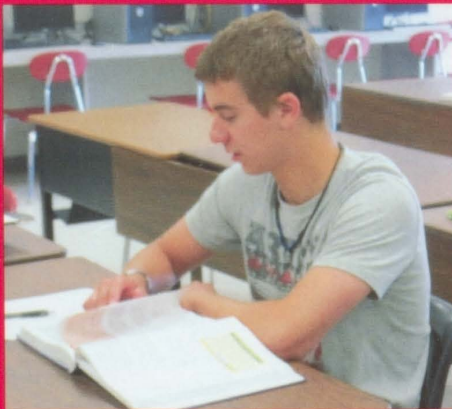


Students share information at the Renaissance Faire in the cafeteria. Students were given different roles from the Renaissance and had to learn as much about that character as they could. Photo By A. Oney

During ICE, senior Austin Sanders cleans off golf carts at Sandy Pines. "Working at Sandy Pines is a lot of fun, you always have something to do, even if it is cleaning a golf cart," said Sanders. *Photo by T. Blanco*



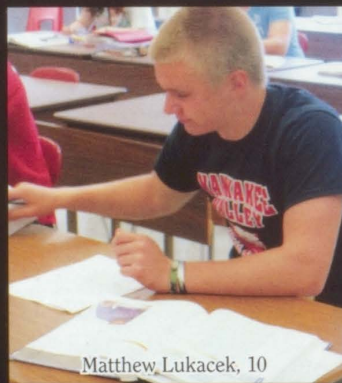
While working on an assignment in Business Foundations, freshman Gavin Coppage looks for a definition in the back of his book before asking Mr. DeFries, for assistance. *Photo by R. Milligan*



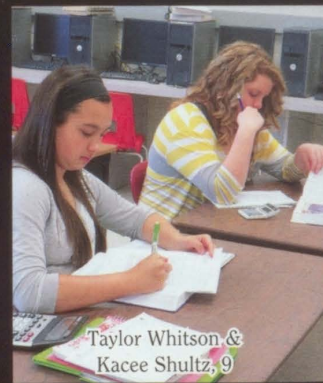
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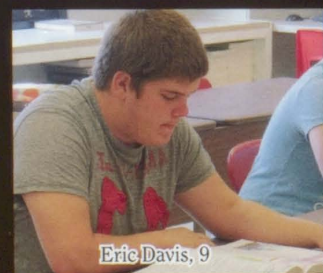
Senior Nathan-Richie tightens a bolt on a seeder to attach it to a tractor during his ICE class. *Photo by T. Blanco*



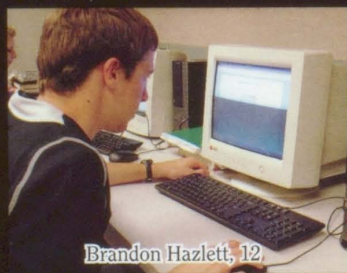
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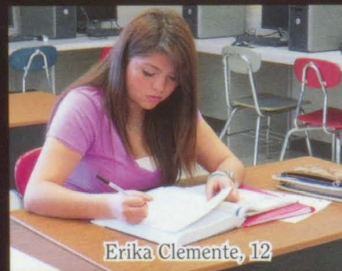
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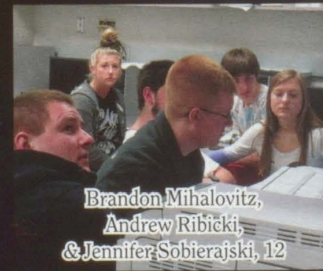
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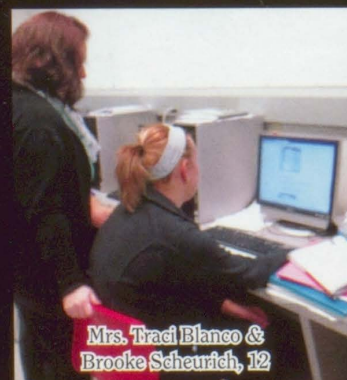
Erika Clemente, 12



Brandon Mihalovitz, Andrew Ribicki, & Jennifer Sobierajski, 12



Kristin Drenth, 12



Mrs. Traci Blanco & Brooke Scheurich, 12



After a victory at the Saint Joseph's College Marketing competition, David Munoz, Mrs. Blanco, Tyler Montgomery, Jacob Weaver, Miryam Herrera, Sydney Geesa, and Brooke Scheurich display

their first place trophy. "Winning the competition gave my teammates and I a lot of confidence. To win, we had to work well as a team," commented senior Jacob Weaver. *Photo provided by T. Blanco*

[Business students prepare for future]

By Rachel Milligan

Featuring real world experiences, students had the opportunity to take classes that ranged from Business Foundations and Accounting to Business Marketing and ICE.

In order to create an environment that was comparable to real situations, teachers Mr. Dave DeFries and Mrs. Traci Blanco developed hands on projects to enrich business assignments.

Coming into teaching from an advertising sales job, Mrs. Blanco brought a new perspective to her classes and felt that her world experience would be beneficial. For senior Cody Bailey, "Playing review games really helped me prepare for our tests because while I'm studying, I'm also having a good time learning."

Business Management class did mock interviews with Mr.

Pulido's Computer Repair class, where they had to create interview questions and conduct a team interview with his students to provide interviewing experiences from both a management and employee point of view. "Coming from the Business Management class, we were really confident in our interview questions that we had to ask," said senior Alyssa Tucker.

While learning the fundamentals of Business in Mr. Dave DeFries' class, students took a hands on approach and incorporated real-life situations into class work. "I focused on getting kids involved in their work," said DeFries.

In Business Foundations, students designed a plan for their own hometown business. Personal Finance had to "buy" and keep track of their own stocks.



Working on a joint project, Marketing Foundations and Engineering Design and Development students junior Tyler Montgomery and Senior Luke Gouwens discuss how to best market a modified XBOX controller with a \$100,000 budget. "There are a lot of steps you have to go through in order to complete a marketing plan," commented Montgomery. Photo by R. Milligan

Sophomores Alan Roach and Jessica Smundin play Balance during Karneval. Smundin handed Roach pencils one-by-one. Each time Roach added a pencil, he had to flick them in the air and catch every pencil until he caught all 12. *Photo by T. Adams*



Clad in party masks, German III students show off their designs during Karneval. "I didn't get to make a mask last year because I missed school. So, I enjoyed seeing everyone's creativity come out in their masks," said junior Lucas Villalpando. *Photo by T. Adams*



Courtney Way, 11
& Monsieur Michael Lovely



French IV seniors Mauricio Zavala, Brandon Hazlett and Cody Miller work together to answer questions on freerice.com. For each correct answer, 10 grains of rice were raised to end world hunger. *Photo by C. Bailey*

[Smiles are the universal language]

By Tatiana Adams

Carnaval. Karneval. Mardi Gras. No matter which way you said it, the celebratory event brought fun for every foreign language student.

From February 12-14 students participated in cultural activities such as making masks, playing festive games, and bringing in foods from each country which allowed students to get a taste of each of the three cultures.

"The best part of Carnaval was getting to try new types of food from each culture," said junior Alejandro Infante.

Classes also worked separately to celebrate their own cultures respective holidays. Spanish classes held fiestas where each student brought in a different Spanish dish. German students celebrated Oktoberfest by playing traditional German games and

bringing in foods such as meats, soups, desserts, etc.

Broadening his French III students' horizons, Monsieur Lovely taught a co-curricular unit with Ms. Benge's Culinary Arts class. The unit focused on fine dining and each class had the chance to serve food and to be served.

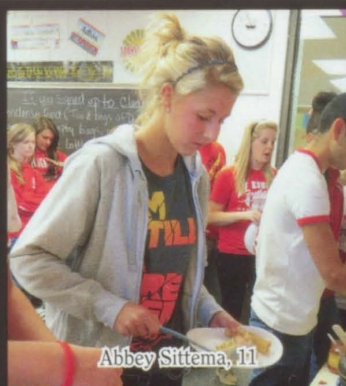
"I thought it was interesting and fun to work with the Culinary Arts class. I just wish we

would have been required to speak in French throughout the project," explained junior French student Amelia Cobb.

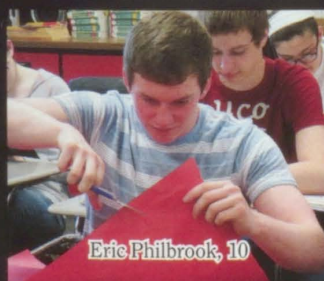
Students also worked hard to learn grammar, pronunciation, spelling, and cultural backgrounds of their languages. These elements were taught using worksheets, textbook assignments, presentations, games and a variety of other educational activities.



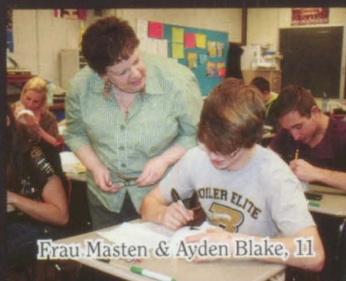
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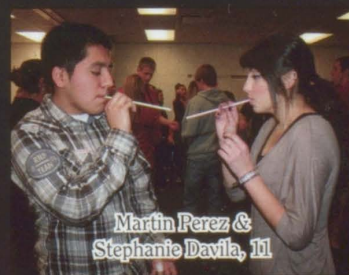
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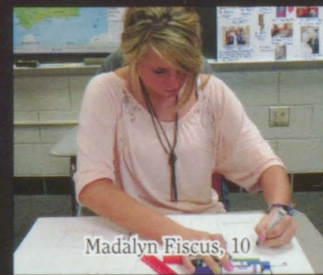
Frau Masten & Ayden Blake, 11



Expanding their Spanish vocabulary, freshman Brooke Meadows and sophomore Luis Alfaro work together on a textbook assignment. Understanding vocabulary was the basis of Spanish I. Photo by T. Adams



Martin Perez & Stephanie Davila, 11

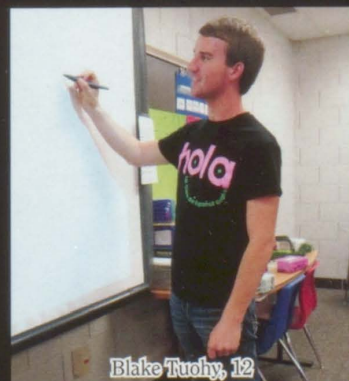


Madalyn Fiscus, 10



Spanish students Tyler Niehoff and Tyler Pritt enjoy Carnival treats. Foreign Language pod was decorated to resemble a French Cafe. "My favorite

foods at Carnaval were all the desserts. I couldn't even begin pick a favorite," commented sophomore Tyler Pritt. Photo by T. Adams



Blake Tuohy, 12

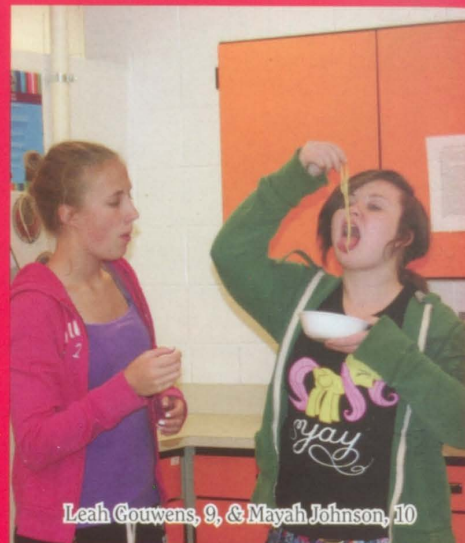


Morgan Cavinder & Madison DeYoung, 11

"My favorite thing to do with the children is an activity called circle time. I love helping them and hearing how smart they are because we helped them. I just love kids in general," commented junior Samantha Dewes. Photo by B. Braden



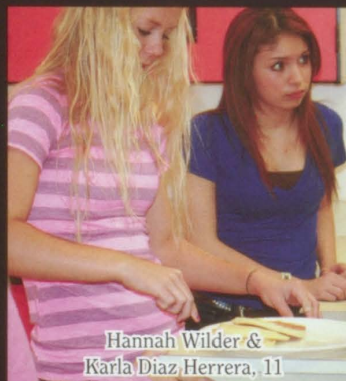
Every student has a different week to be the leader of the class. "The best part about being the leader for the week was being able to create fun and educational activities that made the kids smile," said senior Carlie Guritz. Photo by B. Braden



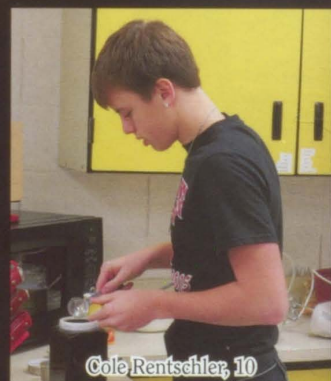
Leah Gouwens, 9, & Mayah Johnson, 10



"Fine dining is difficult," said junior Taitum Caggiano. Caggiano enjoyed her meal with classmates juniors Cari Knip and Brianna Stahl. Photo by B. Braden

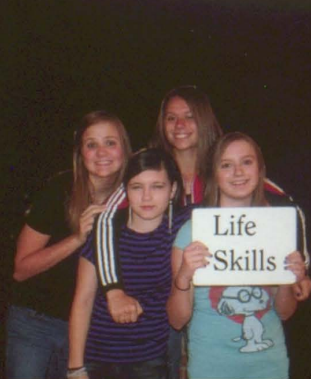
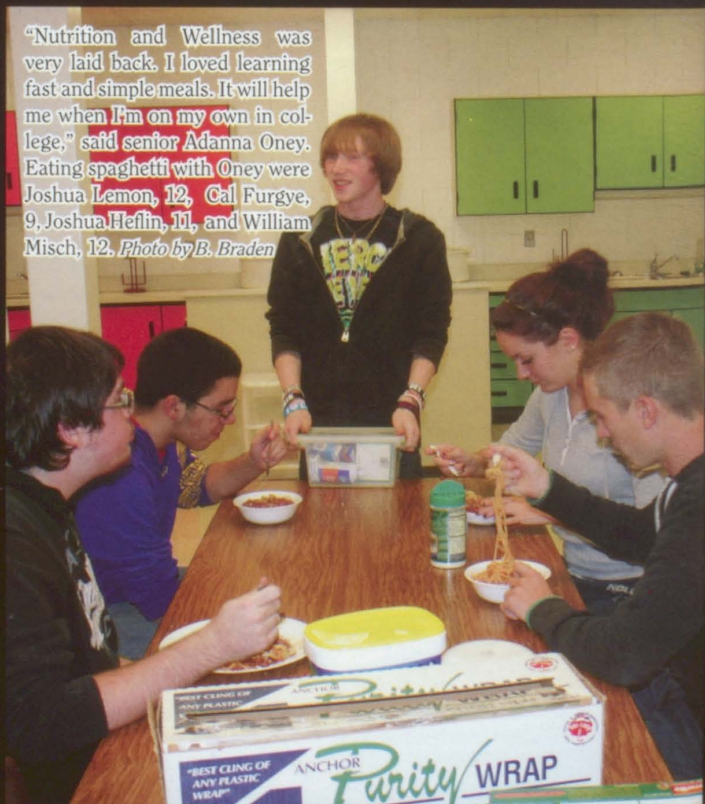


Hannah Wilder & Karla Diaz Herrera, 11



Cole Rentschler, 10

"Nutrition and Wellness was very laid back. I loved learning fast and simple meals. It will help me when I'm on my own in college," said senior Adanna Oney. Eating spaghetti with Oney were Joshua Lemon, 12, Cal Furgie, 9, Joshua Heflin, 11, and William Misch, 12. Photo by B. Braden

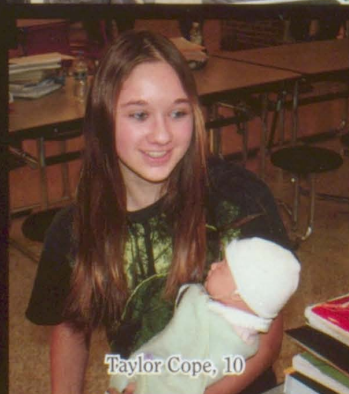


Kelsey Fleming, Angela Jakubowicz, Jessica Rauning, Danae Yozman, 9

By: Brittany Braden



Brittany Baker & Ashley Towner, 12



Taylor Cope, 10

[Family Consumer Science]

In Ms. Kelly Benge's cooking classes students learned how to cook basic foods. In January, cooking classes made baked potato bar, sloppy joes, biscuits and gravy, and snicker doodles for the Academic Decathlon coaches. "It was hectic cooking for over 50 adults. I was the only person in my group who made cookies," commented senior Kelsey Kordys. Besides learning basic

and advanced cooking skills, teens learned how to set a formal table which was applied when the French III students and the Foods team combined for a formal dinner on March 15 in the foods room. "The combining of classes is a new experience, but it's a test of what we have learned," said senior Brendt Mitchell.

After teaching College and Careers and Interpersonal Re-

lationships, Ms. Jennifer Schroeder spent the last two hours of the day in her Early Childhood Education class where teens learned how to match appropriate age toys and activities to a preschoolers level of learning. Each week one student was the leader of the class and was assigned to make a lesson for their specific activity. "When I was the leader, I taught the kids about their five

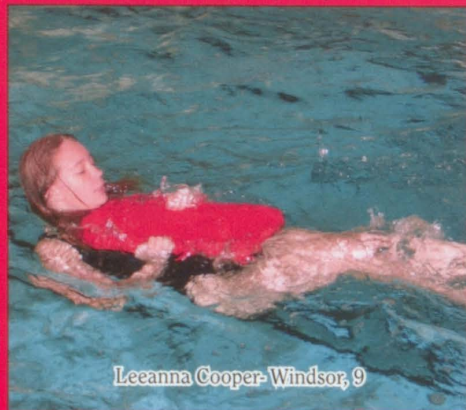
senses," said Kaitlin Boonstra.

After 39 years of teaching, Ms. Schroeder retired. "I am going to miss the high school students and their friendships. Kids seem to keep me current about what is going on." Ms. Schroeder's ECE class was always her favorite part about her job, "I loved working with the high school students and the preschoolers where I got the best of both worlds."



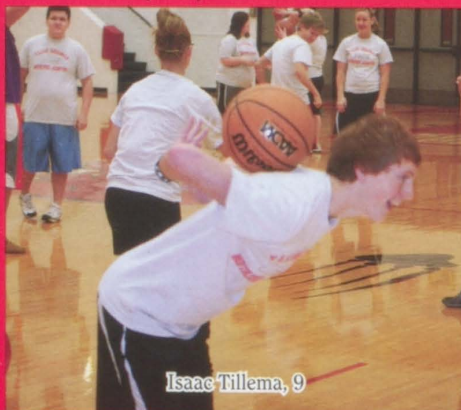
Amber Stott, Kaitlin Boonstra, and Grace Huddleston gather around the rice box to watch their students: Braden, Jeremiah, Jake, and Nicholai. Rice was used because it was cleaner than sand. Photo by B. Braden

"I really didn't like swimming that much it was a lot of hard work! We had to go back and forth across the pool on the boards. I'm pretty sure I swallowed water at least twenty times," said freshman Leeanna Cooper-Windsor. Photo by S. Dykstra

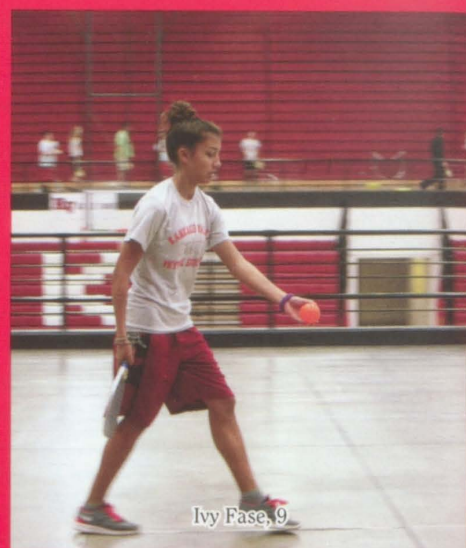


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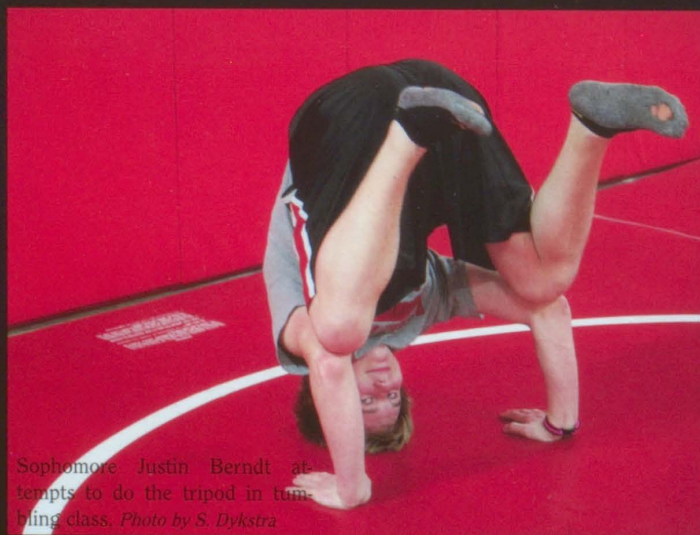
Freshman Isaac Tillema is attempting to catch the basketball from behind his back. "It was really fun trying to do difficult basketball tricks. We had to do so many strange and different tricks," commented Tillema. Photo by S. Dykstra



Isaac Tillema, 9



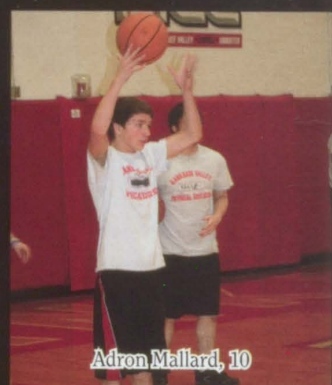
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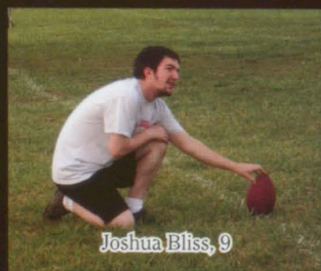
Sophomore Justin Berndt attempts to do the tripod in tumbling class. Photo by S. Dykstra



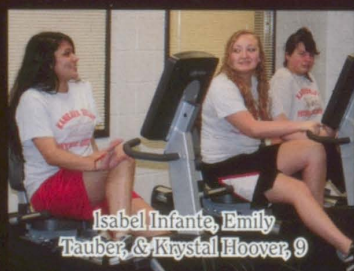
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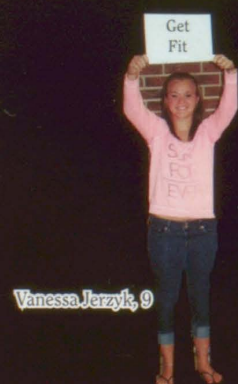
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Joseph Partin & Tyler Kinney, 9



Cameron Fritts & Zachary Templeton, 9



Vanessa Jerzyk, 9



Emily Tauber, 9



Freshmen Matthew Jenkins and Kaitlyn Moore play sharks and minnows in swimming class. "I loved swimming even though most kids didn't like it at all," said Jenkins. Photo by S. Dykstra

Teens workout in PE

By: Sara Dykstra

From field hockey to softball, students participated in one hour of gym class for two semesters. "Field hockey is a very competitive activity. You know you're not trying until you get your hand smashed by a hockey stick!" said Peyton Bobby.

In the winter, teens headed indoors to Mr. Dan Roberts basketball routine where dribbling, lay-ups, and shooting

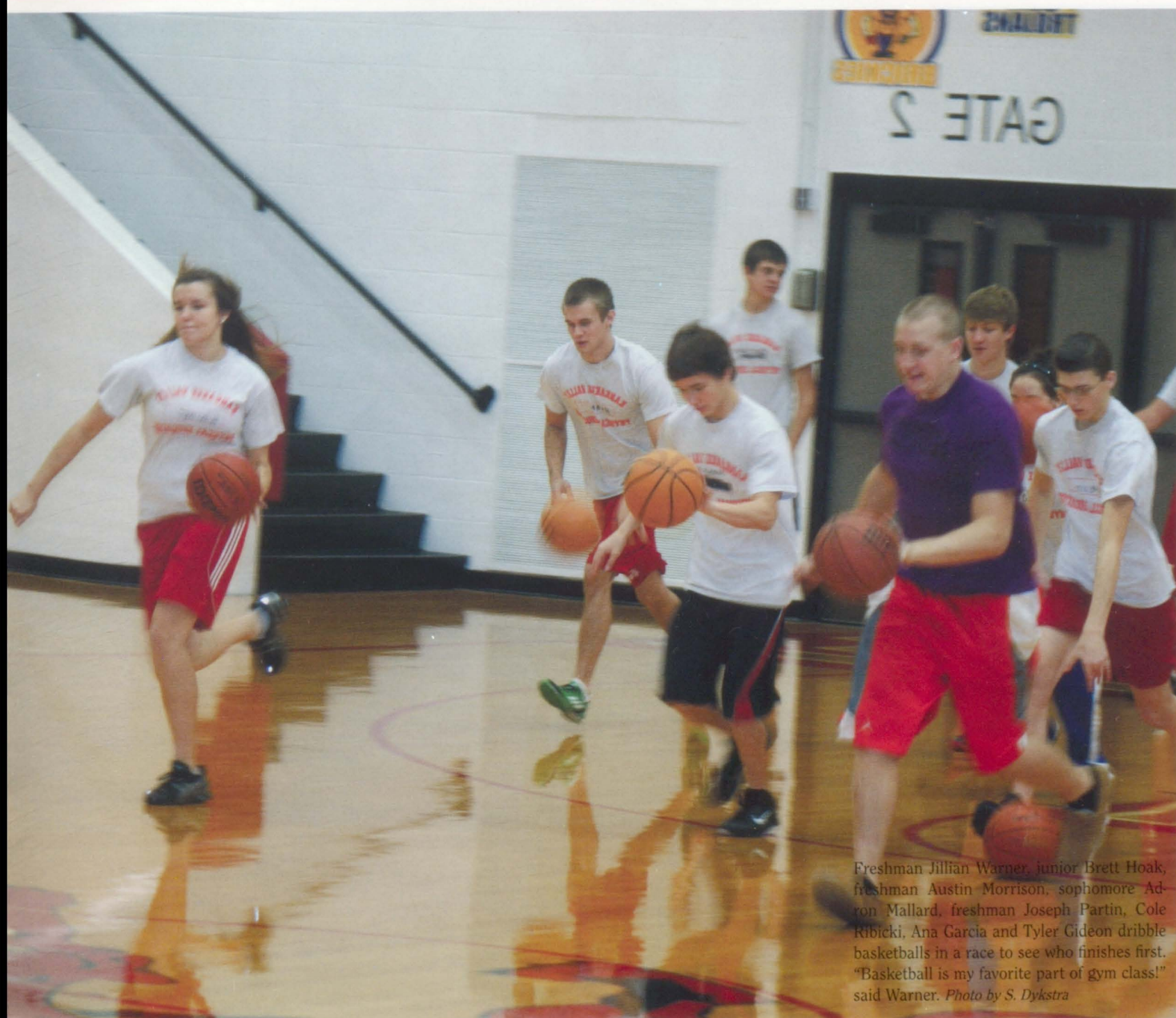
kept the game upbeat and fun.

After hitting the courts, teens jumped back into the pool for another two weeks of diving, treading water, and playing water games with Mr. Kevin Stevens. Students were divided into three groups: beginner, intermediate and advanced, to fit the appropriate swimming level of each individual student.

When students finished up

swimming, half of the students went with Roberts for some quality time with the weight room to pump that iron, while the other half accompanied Stevens to play some pickle ball. "I really liked pickle ball, it was easy, but so much fun at the same time. I loved when we had partners and had matches against each other," commented freshman Brikeyla Babe.

Lastly, students finished up the year with softball and flag football. In softball, teens learned how to properly pitch, toss, and swing at a flying 16 inch ball. Outside once again, flag football students learned the basics of team sports. "I really liked flag football because you can't get tackled like a normal game of football," said freshman Kelsey Wireman.

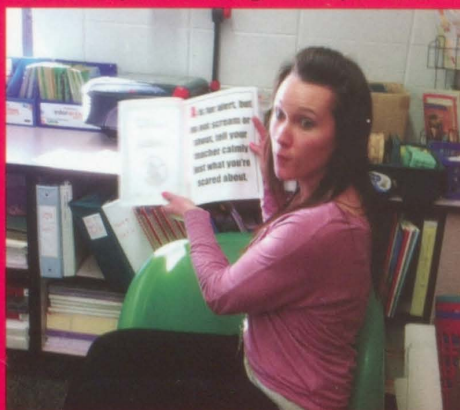


Freshman Jillian Warner, junior Brett Hoak, freshman Austin Morrison, sophomore Adron Mallard, freshman Joseph Partin, Cole Ribicki, Ana Garcia and Tyler Gideon dribble basketballs in a race to see who finishes first. "Basketball is my favorite part of gym class!" said Warner. Photo by S. Dykstra

Health Occupation seniors Cella Wireman, Lisa Talaski, Sabrina Misiak and Jamie Stovall utilize class time to get familiar with ambulatory aides such as walkers and wheelchairs. This helped them prepare for job shadowing. *Photo by T. Adams*



Cadet Teacher senior Mackenzie Misner reads to her class. "Cadet Teaching was a great learning experience. Being in the classroom with the kids was a good opportunity that can help someone decide if they want to pursue teaching." *Photo by H. Chicki*



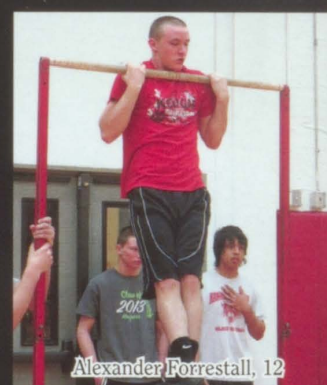
James Marich, 12



During Cadet Teaching at DeMotte Elementary, senior Jordan Kroll talks to one of her students about her school day. *Photo by H. Chicki*



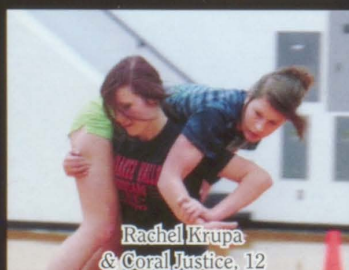
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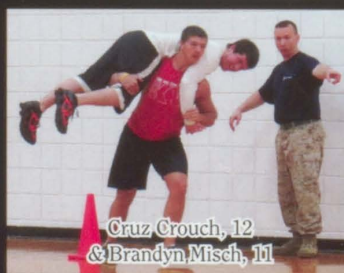
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Miranda Retzlaff, 12



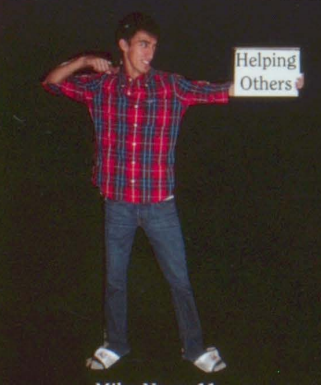
Rachel Krupa & Coral Justice, 12



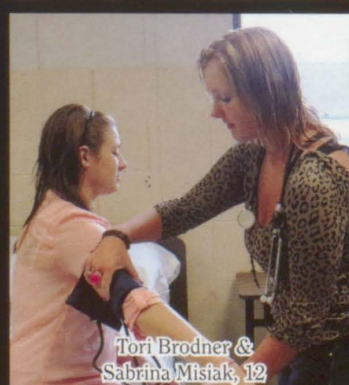
Cruz Crouch, 12 & Brandyn Misch, 11



Sophia Hufnagel, 12



Mike Nava, 11



Tori Brodner & Sabrina Misiak, 12



Health Occupations students show off their hard work after learning how to treat burns. *Photo by T. Adams*

[Working for Future Success]

By Tatiana Adams

Obtaining skills to benefit themselves and others was the intention of career classes. Students in Health Occupations, Law Enforcement, and Cadet Teaching gained experience and for their career goal.

Law Enforcement students prepared for a potential career using exercises such as the Gun Simulator, Respiration Annie and a Mock Boot Camp hosted by the Marines.

"Law Enforcement has helped prepare me for the future by allowing me to have hands-on experience and educating me about consequences for committing crimes and making bad decisions," commented senior Mario Madrid.

Meanwhile, Cadet Teachers worked to better the lives of children through education. Members of the class were able to leave after SRT in order to

Cadet Teach at lower grade levels in the school corporation.

"I've always known I wanted to help people," commented senior Lillian Luttringer, "The Cadet Teaching program lets me help children while they teach me lessons as well."

Health Occupations students spent first semester in the classroom learning textbook material which they would need on the job. They were then tested

to ensure that they were ready to work. Second semester, they were able to apply their knowledge by job shadowing around the community at various health facilities.

"My favorite part of Health Occupations class is being able to play bingo with the residents at Autumn Hills. It feels good seeing them get excited when they win a prize," explained senior Tori Brodner.

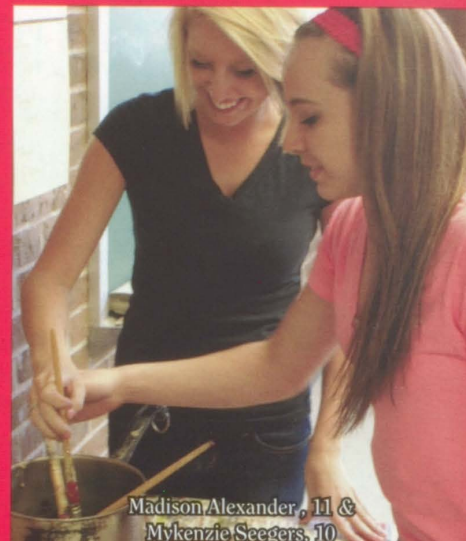


Senior Cella Wireman practices taking temperatures on fellow classmate senior Christine Cilek. "I took Health Occupations to learn more about the health field," said Wireman, "I want to become a pediatric nurse, so I thought it would be a very valuable learning experience." Photo by T. Adams

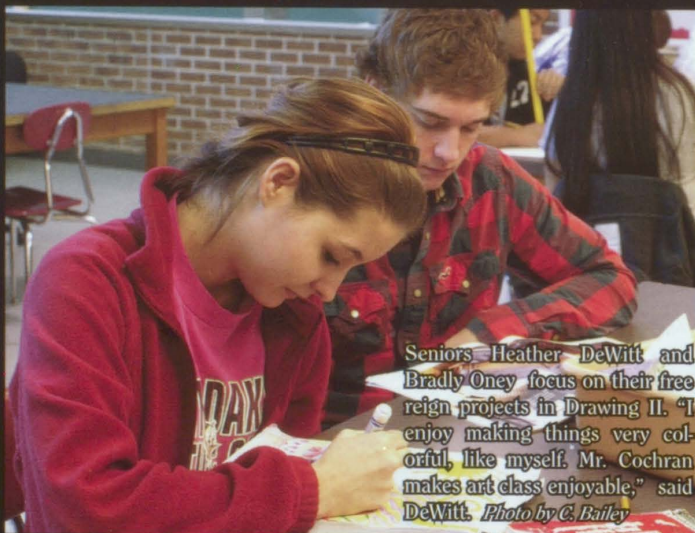
Senior Blake Tuohy presses his yarn down to make it stick on bees wax. "The best part of Fiber Arts class is being able to express myself through art while still being with my friends, having a good time, and enjoying the memories I have made." Photo by C. Bailey



In Advanced 2D Art, freshman Hannah Sherwood draws her outline for her painting project. "I am able to express myself mostly through paintings. With the bright, free feeling colors, it really allows me to let my ideas loose." Photo by C. Bailey



Madison Alexander, 11 & Mykenzie Seegers, 10



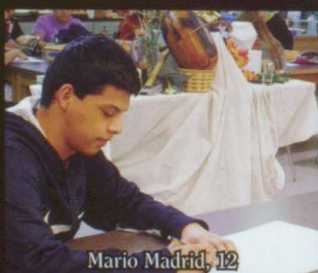
Seniors Heather DeWitt and Bradly Oney focus on their free reign projects in Drawing II. "I enjoy making things very colorful, like myself. Mr. Cochran makes art class enjoyable," said DeWitt. Photo by C. Bailey



Zachary Kedziora, 11 & Madison DeYoung, 11



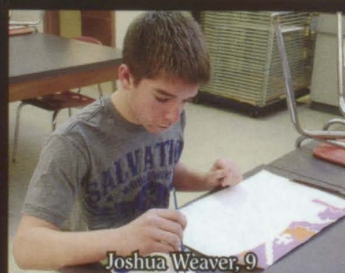
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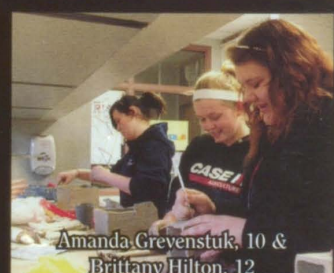
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Joshua Weaver, 9



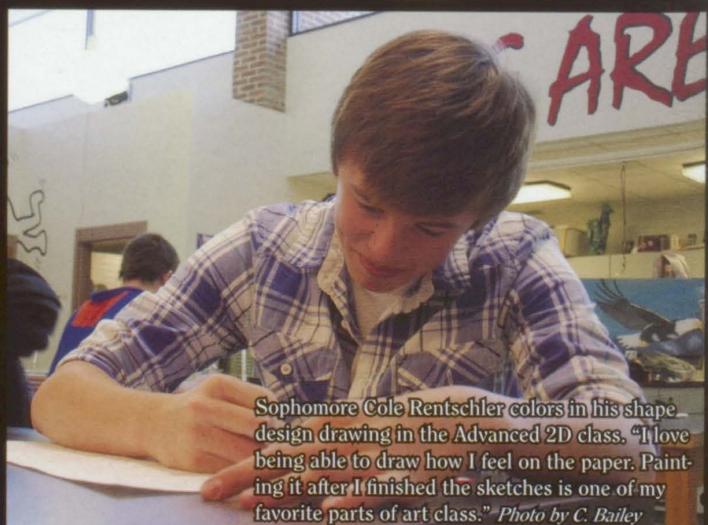
Amanda Grevenstuk, 10 & Brittany Hilton, 12



Ashley Warren, 11



Kayley Harper, 12



Sophomore Cole Rentschler colors in his shape design drawing in the Advanced 2D class. "I love being able to draw how I feel on the paper. Painting it after I finished the sketches is one of my favorite parts of art class." Photo by C. Bailey

[Students gain perspective]

By: Cody Bailey

Creativity bounded through two rooms on the second floor as Mrs. Ashley Welch and Mr. Tony Cochran guided over 250 art students to develop their hidden art talent.

"What I wanted these students to get out of the Art Show was for them to share their artwork with the community. I also wanted to reinforce art

education at our school," said Cochran in regards to the talent displayed at the Art Show.

In the spring, Welch and Cochran picked 50 of their students' works of art to go to the 20th Annual Prairie Arts Council Art Exhibit at Saint Joseph's College.

On February 24, the chosen students submitted their favor-

ite piece of art. Awards of Excellence were given to sophomores Alexis Gonzalez, Keith McGing, and Melissa Stowers, and Honorable Mentions were seniors Ashley Schultz and Beau Tauber, junior Amanda DeRolf, and sophomores Alexis Gonzalez and Nicole Drennen.

"It is interesting getting into an art show because it is not

often that you get to do such a thing," remarked sophomore Katherine Woolever, who was among the 50 chosen students.

Students were able to show off their art online. Art students were required to include one item of art on a website called Artsonia. With Artsonia, technology is more incorporated in the art room.



In Ceramics, senior Tayler Stamper concentrates as she paints her mug. "Art has impacted my life positively. I've always been artistic and enjoyed any type of art class that I have ever taken. I plan to continue my future using art and hopefully having an impact on the younger generation below me." Photo by C. Bailey

Morning Class: Row 1: Dakota Partin, Michael Drinski, Logan Crim, Cody Koartage, Darrell Holme, Erik Hamstra Row 2: Tyler Jaeger, Joshua Buchmeier, Eric Wood, Mr. Kevn Mulvihill, Tyler Armstrong, Daniel Higginbotham, George Burnes Photo By: A. Oney

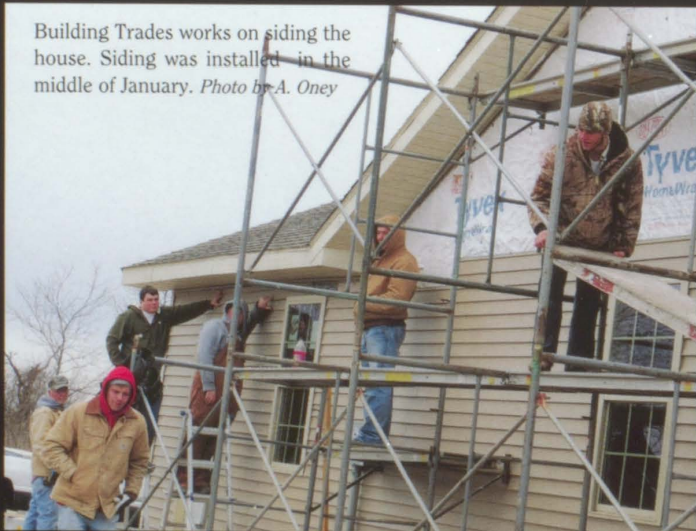


Afternoon Class: Row 1: Dylan Eckenrod, Michael Reynolds, Colby Stately, Brian Dunne, Nathan Bar-chowski, Austin Johnson, Jim Tendeck, Brett Armstrong, Tyler Craft Row 2: Drew Miller, Thaddeus Horvath, Brandon Misch, Joel Bolen, Mr. Kevin Mulvihill, Christian Cooper, Anthony Ford, Frank Lapota, Aaron Wright Photo By: A. Oney

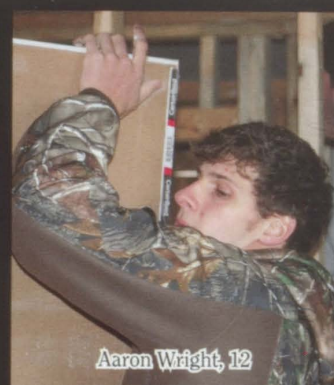


Austin Johnson, 12
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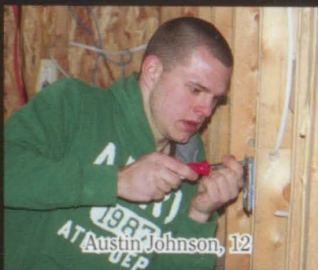
Building Trades works on siding the house. Siding was installed in the middle of January. Photo by A. Oney



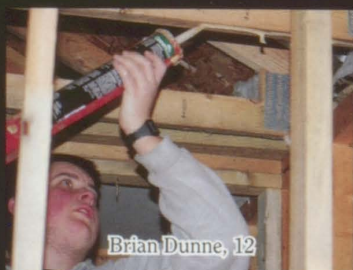
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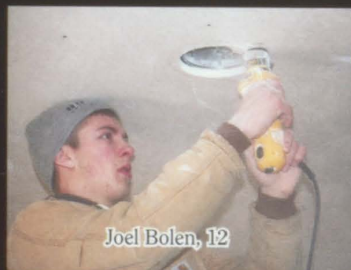
Aaron Wright, 12



Austin Johnson, 12



Brian Dunne, 12



Joel Bolen, 12



Cody Koartage, 11



Hanging dry wall, junior Logan Crim awaits the next sheet. Through the Building Trades program, students learned all aspects of house construction. Photo by A. Oney

Haley Overby, 12
By: Adanna Oney



Thaddeus Horvath, 12

[Trades builds house]

From a hole in the ground to a finished house, 29 young builders learned the ins and outs of home construction. "This class will help me in my future of construction work. My favorite part of trades was framing the house," commented senior Erik Hamstra.

Under the direction of Mr. Kevin Mulvihill, two teams built a duplex for Risner Realty. Located at the

back of the subdivision, the single story building was left in Risner's hands to officially sell.

"The hardest part of construction was trying to drill screws and hold the material up at the same time. We were confined to such a small place that it was difficult," commented senior George Burnes.

The eight month journey began with building the foundation in September and November.

January marked the start of the drywall process. With the input of both the morning and afternoon class, drywall began coming to an end around mid February. March and April were spent doing siding and electrical. In May, the boys began concreting.

"My favorite part of this class was pouring concrete. The weather was so nice out, and we got to spend the whole day

on the Building Trades site," Logan Crim, junior said. The class spent a total of three days pouring concrete over a period of two weeks.

With hard work from both classes and Mr. Mulvihill's instruction, the house came to a complete finish around mid May. "It's an awesome feeling being able to drive past the house and say, hey I helped build that" said Jim Tendeck.



Tommy Holme, Cody Koartge, Tyler Armstrong, and Dakota Partin use the panel lift to raise the sheets of drywall. "Building Trades was a great project, a great experience, and a great time," commented senior Darrell Holme. Darrell was a part of the three hour course in the morning. Photo By A. Oney

Senior John Morrison shows his spring loaded crutch pad that he made for Project Lead the Way. Photo by Z.Wright



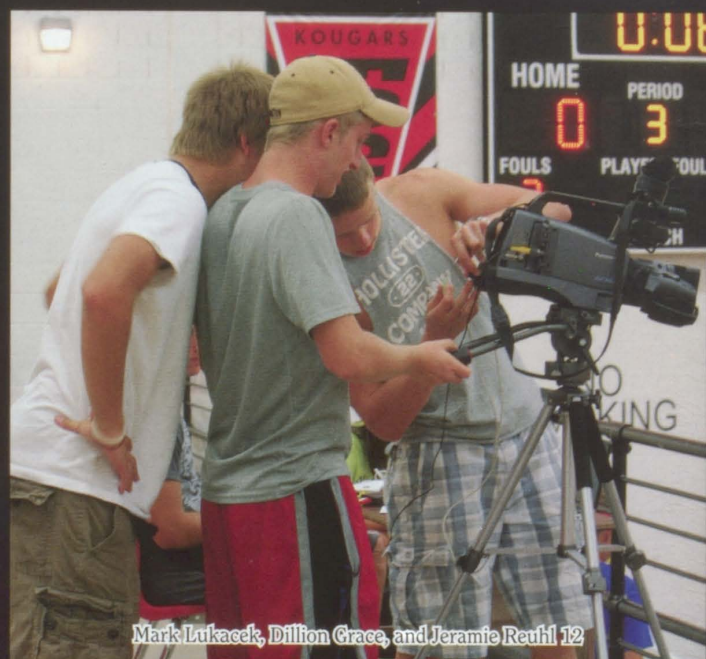
Mr. Steve Inman delivers their Christmas Poinsettia to Mrs. Sylvia Feicht. Photo by Z.Wright.



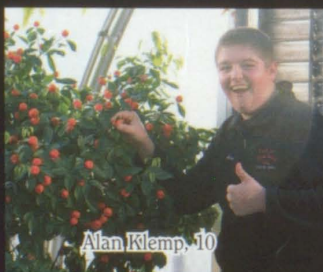
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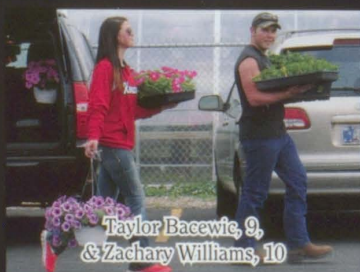
Senior Brandon Boer films the staged accident, that showed students the dangers of drinking and driving. Photo by C. Bailey



Mark Lukacek, Dillion Grace, and Jeramie Reuhl 12



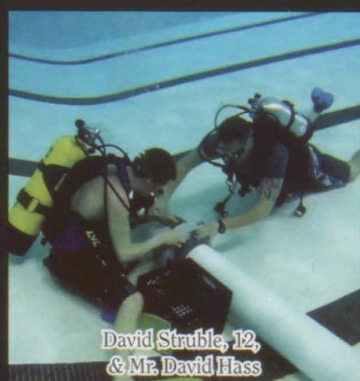
Alan Klemp, 10



Taylor Bacewie, 9, & Zachary Williams, 10



Spark an Arch



David Struble, 12, & Mr. David Hass



Mr. David Hass's Vocational Welding class creates a "Happy Holidays" arc for Mrs. Michelle Meadows driveway. Photo by Z. Wright

[Assemble Your Own Career]

By Zachary Wright

From fixing desks to fixing broken down computers, students who were enrolled in a technology class were making a difference every day.

In Mr. David Hass's welding classes, students took part in not only a class, but a life long career path. Vocational students made an anti-door opening device in case of an intruder. "During my senior year, I have learned

a lot from Mr. Hass. He taught me what I needed to meet the qualifications for a welding test as a pipe fitter," said senior David Struble.

In the world of repairs, Mr. Greg Pulido's Computer Repair and Mr. Jeff Martins' Technology Systems classes focused on the basic fundamentals of the computer and how it works.

Aside from repairs, Agricul-

ture students learned about the processing of meat, wild life, and getting started on an agricultural career which was taught by Mr. Steve Inman.

Small Engines was a class where students brought in their own projects which they took apart, cleaned, and reassembled for credit.

When Mr. Martin wasn't teaching construction or the basics of a computer, he and a

select few students produced the "What's Happening" television show that aired every Friday. Students learned valuable skills behind and in front of the camera during two class periods a day where they assembled the video.

One class essential to taking construction was Computer Assisting Drafting (CAD) that was taught by Mr. Ron Hine.



Promoting a special type of welding, Mr. David Hass instructs his Vocational Welding class in an underwater unit. Students got to dive in the pool and assemble two pieces of PVC pipe. Students had 15 minutes each to assemble and disassemble the two pipes. Photo by F. Lapota

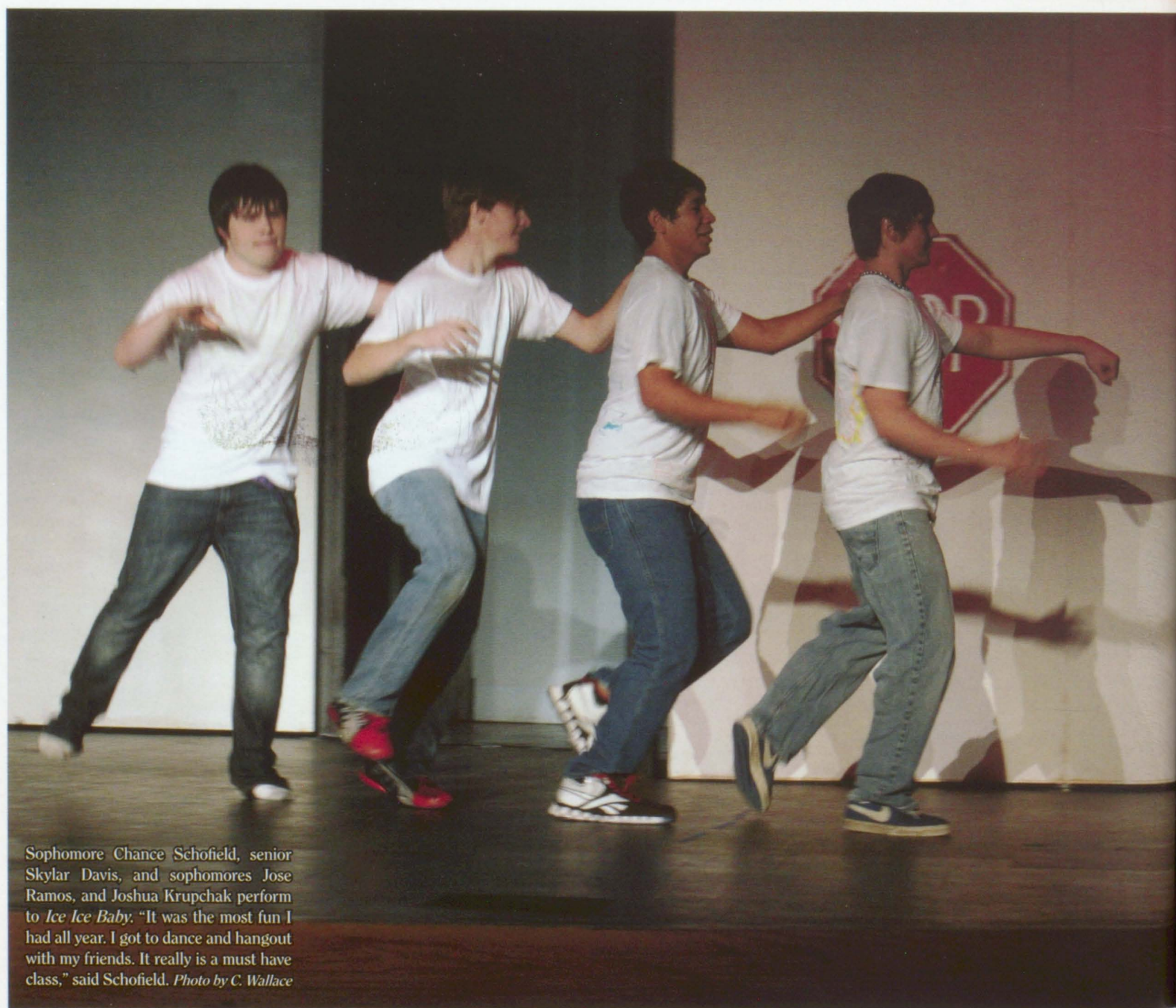
Chatting on the couch, sophomores Mackenzie Glenn and Bryce Gawronski act as the best friend and mother of Nate in *Cinderella*. "Playing Nate's mom was a blast. We added scenes last minute, and it was just really fun," said Glenn. Photo by A. Oney



The fight scene was a lot of fun. We just really let loose and goofed off. Every now and then, we'd push each other or start yelling random things. It was great," said junior Emily Shear with sophomore Lindsay Holley in *West Side Story*. Photo by C. Wallace



Maranda Brown 12



Sophomore Chance Schofield, senior Skylar Davis, and sophomores Jose Ramos, and Joshua Krupchak perform to *Ice Ice Baby*. "It was the most fun I had all year. I got to dance and hangout with my friends. It really is a must have class," said Schofield. Photo by C. Wallace

[Drama banishes fear]

By: Caitlyn Wallace

"Acting is just re-acting" is a common phrase heard in drama, but it's much more than that. Behind the scenes of every production that Theatre Arts and Theatre Production performed, was a lot of rehearsing, blocking, choreographing, memorizing, lights, sound, and costumes.

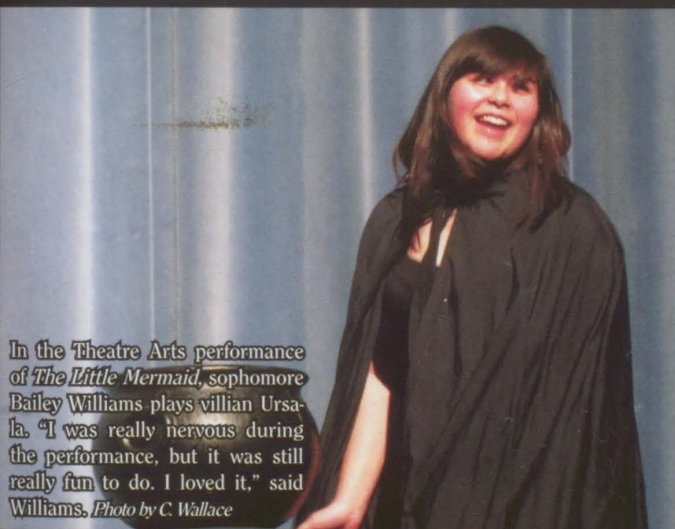
Students started off their year by doing the Ice Cream Scene for their peers where

they had to memorize and block a script. They also had to perform scenes from *Mean Girls*, *Bridesmaids*, *Scott Pilgrim vs. the World*, *Edward Scissorhands*, *The Little Mermaid*, *Elf*, *21 Jump Street*, and *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. "Being a part of these performances was a new experience, and I had a lot of fun with it," said sophomore Jessica Rhoades.

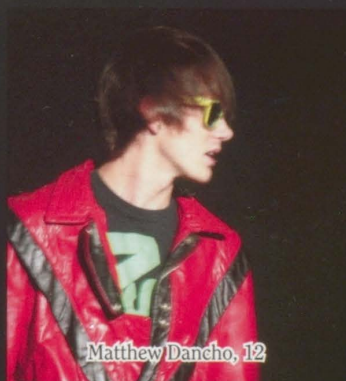
During second semester, dramatists performed *Scott Pilgrim vs. the World*, *Cinderella*, and *West Side Story* arranged by Mrs. Jill Steiner and Theatre Production. For *West Side Story*, students developed fight scenes instead of dancing and singing. "Working the set for *West Side Story* was pretty cool, I had the opportunity to work on the set, get the props to

the right people, and work the curtains. It was fun," said senior Tyler Palmer.

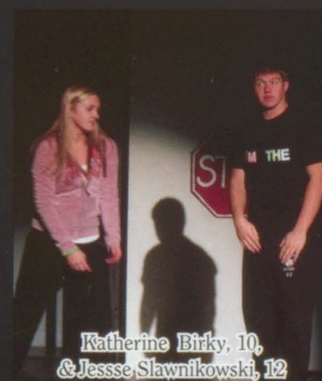
For the final performance, the class did another video. Directed by Steiner and Theatre Production, students performed to break up songs. "I think our last performance was my favorite. Everyone got to be in it, and it was just totally awesome," said senior Emily Myers.



In the Theatre Arts performance of *The Little Mermaid*, sophomore Bailey Williams plays villian Ursula. "I was really nervous during the performance, but it was still really fun to do. I loved it," said Williams. Photo by C. Wallace



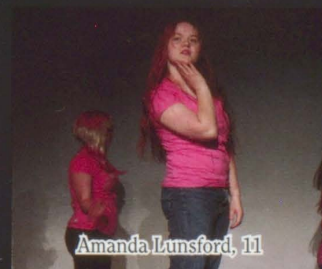
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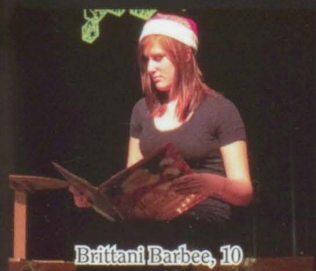
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& Jesse Slawnikowski, 12



Amanda Grevenstuk, 10



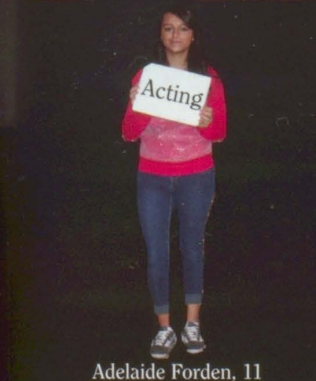
Amanda Lunsford, 11



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Lillian Luttringer, 12



Adelaide Forden, 11



Cassandra Ooms, 10



In the class rendition of *Cinderella*, senior Dillon Grace portrays Nate. The evil step sister, sophomore Aracely Reyes, and her mother senior, Coral Justice try to get him to fall in love with the step sister. Photo by A. Oney

[Clubs & Activities]

Beginning choir performs, "Snow Was Falling" during the Christmas concert on December 8. "I liked singing in the Christmas concert. It is one of the best things about being in choir," said freshman Krystal Hoover. *Photo by A. Warren*



Sophomore Savannah Johnson helps with club sign up day in the auxiliary gym. "I liked talking to students about all the different clubs that the school offers," said Johnson. *Photo by A. Matson*



Senior Alexis Tinkel, freshman Skylar Walters, and senior Maribeth Strong, talk during one of the Best Buddies Club meetings. "I joined the Best Buddies club because I wanted to help make a difference," said Tinkel. *Photo by A. Warren*



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During an Art Club meeting, junior Nicholas Babe hangs palm tree leaves in the main entrance of the school for Hawaiian Day. Photo by A. Matson



John Miles, Tyler Montgomery, Andrew Jackson, Tyler Nichoff, & Alexander Christellis, 11

1. Junior Jordan Clark plays the main role in the fall musical, "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory". "Performing as Willy Wonka was a lot of fun, and I'm always going to remember it," said Clark. Photo by M. Retzlaff

2. Before Kougat Kickoff, junior Madison DeYoung, and seniors Candace Eck and Jennifer Sobierajski make a poster for Mrs. Smith's Freshman Focus. "Being a Freshman Mentor is a great experience, I have enjoyed helping all my freshmen," said Eck. Photo by T. Kingma

3. During Spikedown, Sophomore Bryce Gawronski serves the ball to the opposite team. "Spikedown was a fun event, I liked getting onto the court and playing with my friends," said Gawronski. Photo by R. Milligan

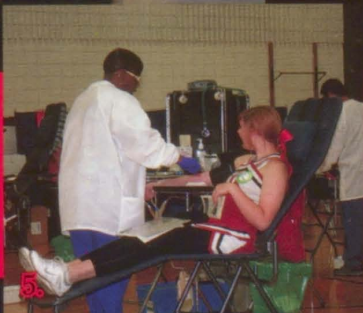
4. After Pathfinders Easter egg hunt, junior Cassandra Shevock reads a scripture she found in one of her eggs. "I'm so glad I joined Pathfinders. It's a great club to be a part of," said Shevock. Photo by C. Bailey

5. Paige Asbridge, sophomore, prepares to give a pint of blood to the American Red Cross program. "Giving blood was a little scary, but it was for a good cause, and I'm happy I was able to do it," said Asbridge. Photo by A. Warren

6. Junior Jordan Likens takes a donut at the start of the donut breakfast on December 21. "I liked the donut breakfast because I got a break from class and got to hang out with my friends," said Likens. Photo by C. Bailey



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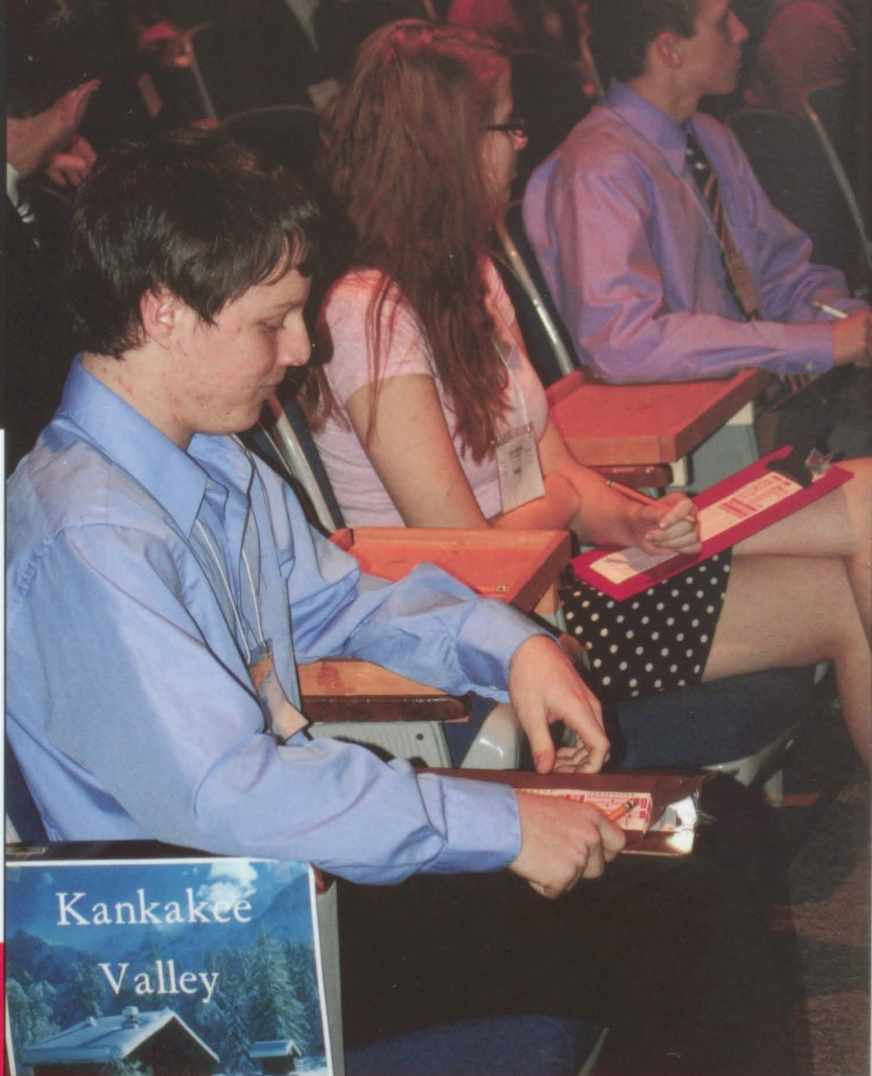
Junior Christopher Berns, Senior Patrick Snow- Counterman, and sophomore Michelle Fyda study the lists of words at their first Spell Bowl

meet. "The meet was really stressful because there was a lot of pressure on everybody to get the words right," said Berns. Photo by K. Chaney



Tatium Caggiano, 11

Senior Ryan Beere, junior Cari Knip, and senior Trevor Shelhart listen to the questions during the Super Quiz portion of the Decathlon. Photo by K. McKinney



Decathlon: Row 1: Trevor Shelhart, Ryan Beere, Amy Gunter, Tatium Caggiano

Row 2: Matthew Staton, Cari Knip, Jacob Scholz, James Johnson, Justin Early



Super Bowl: Row 1: Christopher Berns, Amy Gunter, Brittney Hale, Row 2: James

Johnson, Grace Huddleston, Robert Fraticelli, Justin Early

[Knowledge pays off for teens]

From spelling to math, 17 students made knowledge their number one priority through Spell Bowl, Academic Decathlon, Super Bowl Competition, and State Decathlon.

One of the many academic clubs was Spell Bowl. Consisting of 10 members, they had to memorize 3,000 words

for their meets on October 8 and 15. "The hardest thing about Spell Bowl was learning how to spell all of the foreign words," said junior Cari Knip. KV placed 5th at the North Judson meet.

In the spring, Super Bowl members competed in three meets where they placed 1st in their division against

Knox Community High.

Academic Decathlon team competed in the state meet held at Purdue on February 8 and 9 where the team placed 4th in the small school division which was the highest finish since 2003. Senior Ryan Beere won gold in Math and silver in Econ and was named

to the All Area Academic Team. Junior Robert Fraticelli won silver in Speech and Music, and bronze for his overall score. Junior Matthew Staton captured a bronze in Music, and Senior Jacob Scholz took home bronze in Economics and Art competitions.

Academic Super Bowl took home a solid

4th place on March 12 at River Forest High School with a score of 64 points. Best showing was Brittney Hale, Grace Huddleston, and Justin Early who won second in the Fine Arts. "Considering the fact that we had limited practice and a partial team, we did very well," said Head Academic Coach Robert Heid.



Left: At their first Super Bowl meet at River Forest, junior Amy Gunter and senior James Johnson prepare for the competition in the cafeteria. Photo by C. Berns

Junior Caitlyn Wallace and senior Ryan Beere await their turns to spell at the North Judson Spell Bowl Competition on October 8. Photo by K. Chaney



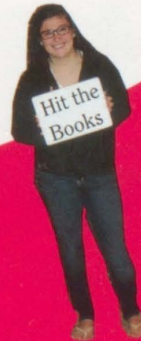
Spell Bowl: Row 1: Kelsie Chaney, Amy Gunter, Tatium Caggiano, Ryan Beere, Row 2:



Matthew Staton, 11



Kayla Gilbert, 12



Hailey Ford, 9

By: Ashley Warren

Senior Kyle Noland, freshman Haylie Wheeler, senior Patrick Snow-Counterman, and 8th grader Vanessa Donovan play Charlie's grandparents. "It was tough act-

ing like a grandpa, especially having an old man voice. The tasks were a challenge, but I worked hard in order to make me look old," said Noland. *Photo by M. Retzlaff*



"Acting as Mike Teavee's mother was very challenging. It was a lot of fun when the crowd reacted to Ranen's outbursts of craziness," said senior Taylor Nomanson as she hushes junior Jordan Clark & freshman Ranen Toosley. *Photo by M. Retzlaff*



Right: Junior Jordan Clark, senior Kyle Noland, 7th grader Nicholas Skrobul, freshman Ranen Toosley, senior Nicole Wisneski, freshman Sarah Schatzel, junior Grace Hud-

Working hard for the applause that were received, seniors gave an honorable mention to Director Jill Steiner. *Photo by C. Bailey*



leston, and senior Lillian Luttringer float down the mystical Chocolate River that was made by using brown fabric and a projector screen with colorful images. *Photo by M. Retzlaff*



[Wonka Wows Crowd]

Starting the show singing the beloved Willy Wonka song "Pure Imagination", Jordan Clark mesmerized the audience as he walked through the auditorium aisles. "It was an honor to play the part of Willy Won-

ka. My favorite part was singing the iconic songs," said Clark.

The crew really outdid themselves with the props and illusions of the play. One of the biggest moments that shocked the crowd was the transforma-

tion of Violet Beauregarde turning into a blueberry. Senior Lillian Luttringer played the original Violet and junior Mirka Roman-Cortez was the blown up form of Violet. "Switching places with Mirka

was a challenge because we had to rely on the other person to be ready for the change. I loved how it amazed the audience because that made it super fun for us," said Luttringer. Other illusions included a Chocolate

River, a flying elevator, and a boat floating across the stage.

The final two of the five performances were sold out. The huge audience gave the actors an extra boost of enthusiasm and laughter, making a fun last show.



Actress Sarah Schaetzel cries and screams on stage because her parents refuse to buy her a pet squirrel that was at the Wonka Factory. Trying to stop Beau Young from falling into the Chocolate River, senior Jordan Clark pushes him back with his cane. Photo by M. Retzlaff

"Being a part of the play was something new and exciting for me. It was very rewarding to see that our hard work at practice paid off with the final performances," said junior Kate-lin Lott. Students who played chefs included: Lott, freshman Sarah Kerkes, sophomore Serena Ketchum, freshmen Alyssa Serviss and Elizabeth Torbitt, and 8th grader Audrey DeY-oung. Photo by M. Retzlaff

By: Miranda Retzlaff



Renee Jones, 12

"College Fair Day was really fun. I learned a lot about the colleges that I'm thinking about attending and what kind of classes they offer," said

junior Brittany Stepp. Also attending were junior Lacey Myers and freshman Haylie Wheeler. *Photo by C. Wallace*



David Berndt, 10



Freshmen Nathan Guerrero and Sara Dykstra talk to one of the representatives at the Incoming Freshman Orientation. "It was really fun, everyone showed so much enthusiasm and had a great time," said Dykstra. *Photo by C. Bailey*

Sabrina Misiak, senior, talks to an incoming freshman about Health Occupations and what they do for the class. "Getting to meet the soon-to-be freshmen was pretty cool. Even though I won't be able to see them next year, it was fun telling them all about the Health Occ classes," said Misiak. *Photo by C. Bailey*



Senior Blake Tuohy and junior Stephanie Davila take a break after setting up for Hawaiian Day. "Decorating for Hawaiian Day was a blast! It was a lot of

fun decorating and putting up fake palm trees with all of my friends," said Davila. *Photo by A. Matson*



[Diverse programs offer creativity; information for the future]

Bringing beauty throughout the school, art students' creations decorated the halls. Run by Mr. Tony Cochran, Art Club decorated the main entrance with palm trees and other Hawaiian theme decorations for Hawaiian Day held on February 14. "Being a part of the Art Club is so great! I

love that we got to help people and show our artwork. It's really an awesome way to just express yourself," said junior Joseph Wright. They also spent the year making mats out of plastic shopping bags to give to the homeless.

On March 7, college representatives from all across Indiana came

to tell students about their colleges. Popular colleges included Ball State, Purdue, and St. Joe's. Students had the opportunity to talk to representatives and gained a perspective on what college life would be like. "Going to College Fair was a great experience. I learned a lot about the programs and

things that the schools offered. I have a better idea of where I would like to attend college now," said sophomore Serena Ketchum.

On January 14 at the Incoming Freshmen Orientation, students and teachers set up information and demonstrations for parents and incoming freshmen.

Throughout the auxiliary gym eighth graders were inundated by robots, skeletons, yearbooks, photos of class projects, and construction examples. "Helping out with the orientation was really fun. I had the opportunity to tell the almost freshmen about a bunch of our classes," said junior Brad Severs.



Sophomores Belanah Chevez, Roy Schmidt, and Tyler Pritchett at a table during College Fair. This was their first year going to the fair, so they went to as many tables as possible. Photo by C. Wallace

"I really enjoyed seeing the newbies. They were all really nice and seemed genuinely interested in what I had to say," said senior Joshua Hudspeth. Photo by C. Bailey



Row 1: Marisol Sanchez, Carlie Trooper, Brendt Mitchell, Ashley Schultz, Jordyn Rentschler
Row 2: Kelsie Chaney, Mackenzie Glenn, Megan Davis, Tessa Whitson, Morgan Cavinder,

Alexis Howard, Gabrielle Martin, Harli Reno, Melissa Stowers
Row 3: Rikki Young, Kendall Schultz, Kathryn Birky, Hannah Dancer, Ashley Jarrette, Brianna Stahl, Samantha

Christenson, Amanda Shonk, Kelsey Fleming
Row 4: Jessica Tiemens, David Berndt, Peyton Bobby, Megan Wolf, Savannah Johnson, Amy Brennan, Joseph Wright, Kaitlyn Leach
Row 5: Corissa Abell, Emily Rhoades, Cheyann Odle, Joshua Weaver, Taitum Caggiano, Katherine Woolever, Jessica Nagel, Josefina Zaragoza, Asslie Clemente
Row 6: Miryam Herrera, Tania Ortega, Deanna Hardin, Megan Kinney, Devin Uylaki, Stephanie Davila, Julie Becker, Jordan Dittrich
Row 7: Jenna Jungels, Breanne Lessner, Mr. Tony Cochran, Monica Sprou, Amanda Grevenstuk



Jordyn Rentschler, 12
By: Caitlyn Wallace

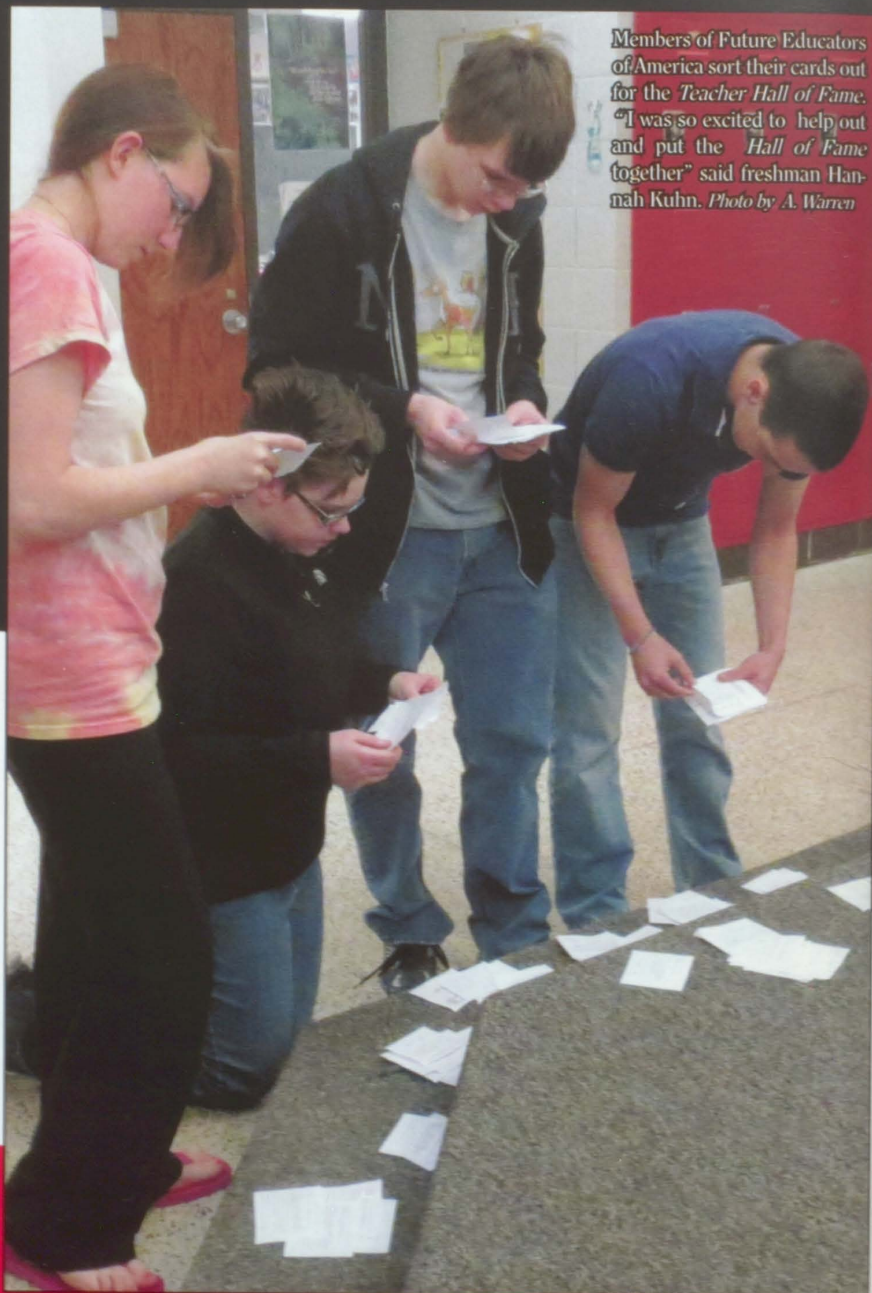
Senior Brendt Mitchell reads *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* in the library during A lunch. "Book Club inspired me to read more. Mrs. Feicht

made reading fun for me, and it was also nice having a relaxing environment to unwind and read a book," said Mitchell. Photo by S. Dykstra



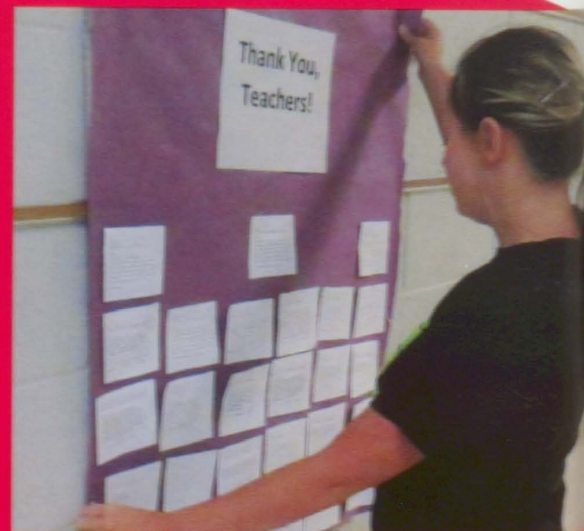
Grace Huddleston, TI

Members of Future Educators of America sort their cards out for the Teacher Hall of Fame. "I was so excited to help out and put the Hall of Fame together" said freshman Hannah Kuhn. Photo by A. Warren



BOOK CLUB:

Row 1: Michelle Kent, Patrick Snow-Counterman, Kayelin Martens, Emily Myers, Cari Knig, Taitum Caggiano, Joesfina Zaragoza, Samantha Mitchell, Robert Kuhn Row 2: Kelsey Kurdys, Alex Carlton, Brett Mitchell, Sydney Barrett, Karley Miller, Brittany Stepp, Jessica Nagel, Kelsie Chaney Row 3: Amanda Grevenstuk, Miryam Herrera, Deanna Hardin, Matthew Staton, Garrett Heartman, Alan Roach, Katherine Woollever Row 4: Lindsey Holley, Emily Rhoades, Cheyann Odle, Michelle Pyda



[Learning for Fun]

Students who enjoyed reading came to join Book Club, and teens who sought out even more knowledge participated in Future Educators of America. "I joined both clubs as a new learning experience. They're both fun and enriching," said junior Robert Kuhn

During the course

of two educational semesters, 49 students had a blast discussing novels that they had personally read or books that they all had decided to read together as a group. "I really enjoyed being able to pick what books I read. It wouldn't be fun if we had to read something

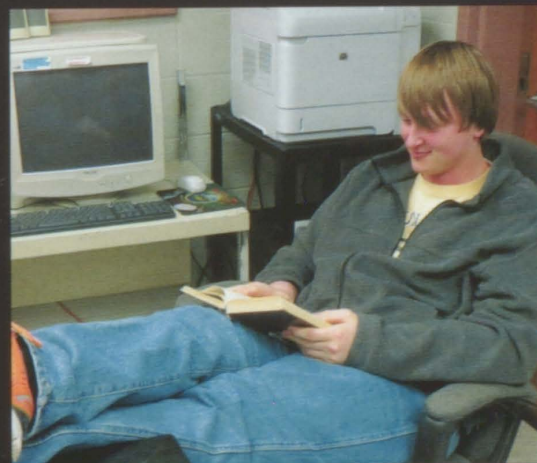
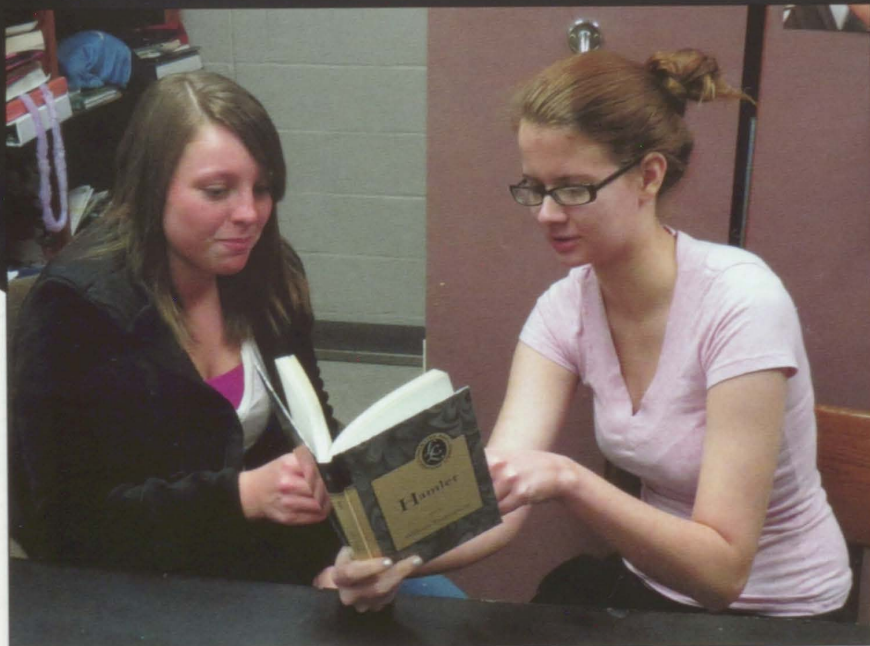
that we didn't like because everyone has different tastes," said junior Kelsie Chaney.

As the course of the school year was coming to an end Book Club ended the year with a 'bang' by reading Shakespeare's *Hamlet*. "It was a really good book. We really weren't excited to

read it, but Mrs. Feicht encouraged us to give it a try," said sophomore Kara Gouwens.

Future Educators of America wrapped up the year by brightening up the halls with their very own *Teacher Hall of Fame* throughout Teacher Appreciation Week. It included posters

hung up all around the school of each students' memory of their favorite teacher. "I really liked being able to share my favorite teacher with everyone especially because I'm a freshman and this year was an important part of my high school career," said freshman Cheyann Odle.



Book Club President, junior Carl Knip shares the highlights of *Hamlet* with junior Jessica Nagel. "I love reading. That's why I'm Book Club president," said Knip. Photo by S. Dykstra

Senior Evan Croft lounges around while reading. "I read all the time, and if I'm not reading, I'm always looking for a new book to read," said Croft. Photo by S. Dykstra

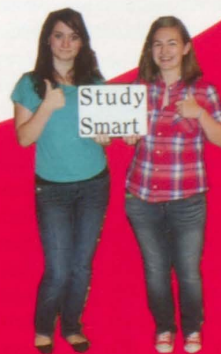


Junior Tatiana Adams hangs up a Teacher Appreciation poster outside of the Home Ec room. FEA members went around the school and hung up thank you notes to their favorite teachers.

"I enjoyed Teacher Appreciation Week because the teachers do a lot of things for us all year, and it's our chance to give back and make them feel nice," said Adams. Photo by S. Dykstra

FEA:

Row 1: Robert Kuhn, Lucas Villalpando, Kaylyn Banaszak, Kayla Gilbert Row 2: Terry Boufis, Mackenzie Misner, Sophia Hufnagel, Lillian Lutringer, Alexis Tinkel, Joshua Hudspeth Row 3: Jessica Sewell, Paige Myers, Tatiana Adams, Grace Huddleston Row 4: Quinton Bulthuis, Nicole Cardaras, Hannah Kuhn, Corissa Abell, Kaitlyn Wrezinski, Tara Beere



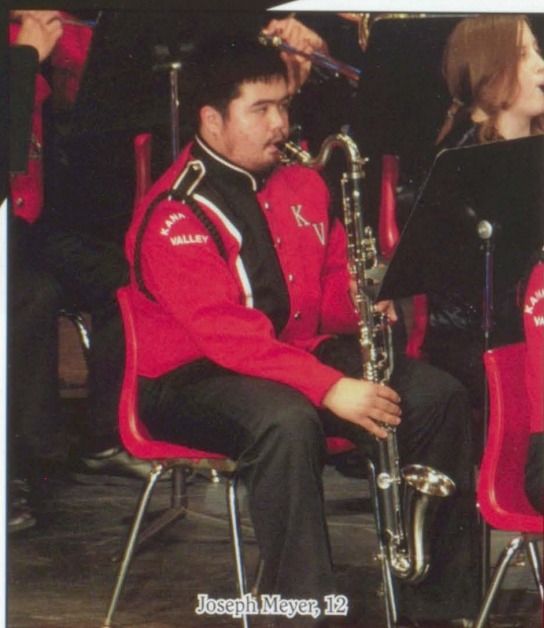
Grace Huddleston & Amy Gunter, 11

By: Sara Dykstra

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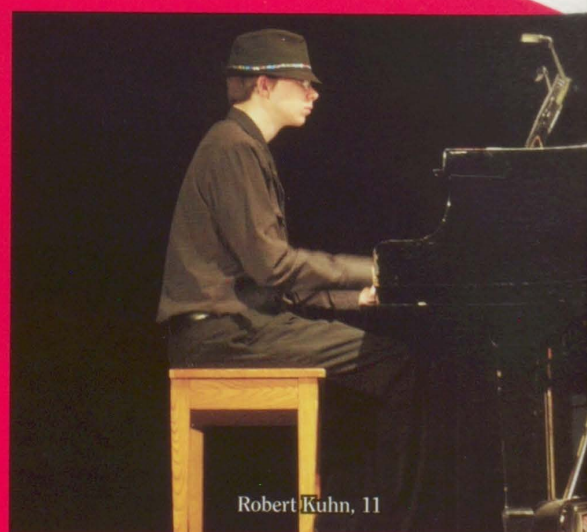
Outstanding Freshman- Kyle Hawrot
 Outstanding Sophomore- Cassandra Ooms
 Outstanding Junior- Robert Fraticelli
 Spirit Award- Jacob Sholz
 Outstanding Marching Band Member- Jay Weaver
 Outstanding Basketball Band Member- Stephen Sholey
 Outstanding Kolor Guard Member- Ashley Jarrette
 Outstanding Concert Band Member- Sarah Schaetzel
 Outstanding Symphonic Band Member- Daniel Hinchy
 National School Orchestra Award- Cynthia Atkinson
 Woody Herman Jazz Award- Rebecca Loslo
 Patrick S. Gilmore Band Award- Jordan Kroll
 Louis Armstrong Jazz Award- Stephen Sholey
 John Phillips Sousa Band Award- Ryan Beere
 Indiana Bandmasters All-District Band Members Recognized:
 Jordan Kroll, Cassandra Shevock, Robert Kuhn, Annelise
 Phillips, Kyle Brown, Daniel Hinchy, Nina Maze

Senior Ryan Beere, junior Rebecca Loslo, freshman Sarah Schaetzel, and junior Amy Gunter play the school song at the beginning of the Winter Pep Session. *Photo by K. Chaney*



Joseph Meyer, 12

Jazz Band: Row 1: Jacob Shebesh, Kyle Brown, Skylar Sutton, Cassandra Shevock, Row 2: Jacob Scholz, Lacey Myers, Angela Weaver, Katherine Woolever, Kirsten Burden, Rebecca Piepenbrink, Brooke Meadows, Row 3: Kyle Hawrot, Nina Maze, Kevin Wu, Zachary Witkowski, Noah Johnson, Matthew Morrison Row 4: Robert Fraticelli, Kaitlyn Dock, Robert Kuhn, Ryan Beere, Rebecca Loslo, Christian Crum, Kendel Billens, Kyle Patton, Sarah Schaetzel, Stephen Sholey, Nicole Cardaras, Alex Villalpando



Robert Kuhn, 11

[Band Goes Gold]

Much like last year KV's Band has achieved the Indiana All-Music Award. In order to receive the award Band had to achieve a Gold Division one rating in Marching, Solo and Ensemble, Jazz and Concert Band.

On November 15, the Indiana Educa-

tors Association announced that junior Robert Fraticelli was selected to the IMAE Honors Band that performed in Fort Wayne in January. Senior Jordan Kroll was named as an alternate.

Senior Nina Maze, juniors Rebecca Loslo, Cassandra Shev-

sophomores Cassandra Ooms, Jacob Shebesh and freshman Brooke Meadows were selected to perform at the 2013 All Star Band hosted by Indiana State University in January.

At the state solo and ensemble contest held in Indianapolis on February 23, Cynthia Atkinson, Rob-

ert Fraticelli Alyssa Lundsford, Nina Maze, and the flute quartet of Candace Eck, Jordan Kroll, Keisha Molden and Angela Weaver won gold. Rebecca Loslo, Nina Maze and Evan Croft won silver.

Jazz Band traveled to LaPorte High School on March 3 to per-

form "Niobe" by Vince Gassi, "Satin Doll" by Duke Ellington, and closed with "Rockman" by James Chataway. The judges gave the group a gold rating.

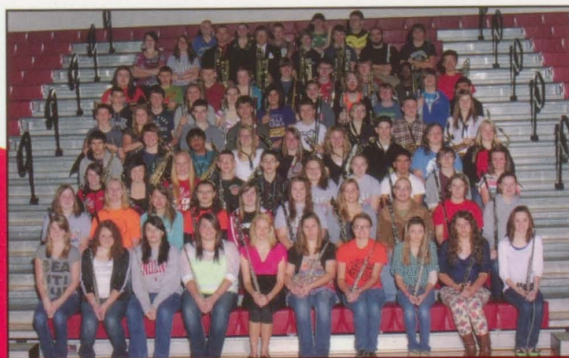
Jazz Band played more Jazz/Rock classics at their spring concert on March 21.

Band performed their final concert on May 16.



At a Jazz Band concert, junior Robert Fraticelli, and sophomores Kaitlyn Dock and Nicole Cardaras perform on their electric guitars.
Photo by C. Bailey

Senior Jacob Scholz, freshman Alex Villalpando, and senior Sarah Axtell perform during Bands Senior Night.
Photo by M. Retzlaff



Band Row 1: Madeline Klauer, Angela Weaver, Emily Rhoades, Kesha Molden, Jordan Kroll, Candice Eck, Melanie Loslo, Merisa Patino, Haylie Wheeler, Ashley Gidley, **Row 2:** Rebecca Piepenbrink, Katherine Woolever, Sarah Kerkes, Breanne

Lessner, Francheska Slayton, Cassandra Shevock, Sarah Axtell, Jacob Scholz, Morgan Overstreet, Brooke Meadows Row 3: Brooklyn Starr, Alexis Cwiklinski, Janna Witvoet, Ryan Henk, Andrew Carter, Taylor DeKock, Annelise Phillips,

Moises Jacob Martinez, Jacob Shebesh, Kaitlyn Dock Row 4: Michael Vega, Kyle Hawrot, Enoc Miguel, Lacey Myers, Jessica Nagel, Jessica Sutton, Robert Fraticelli, Elizabeth Torbitt, Kirsten Burden **Row 5:** Trevor Shelhart, Madison Babicka, Robert Kuhn, Alex Villalpando, Hunter Ahrendt, Samantha Greathouse, Russel Balize, Cassandra Ooms **Row 6:** Kyle Patton, Ryan Beere, Rebecca Loslo, Amy Gunter, Sarah Schaetzel, Faith Hoffman, Kendel Billens, Christian Crum, Zachary Stalhandske, Luis Alfaro **Row 7:** Morgan Mann, Evan Balboa, Tyler Wilson, Haley Ayres, Daniel Hinchy, Zachary Witkowski, Evan Croft, Noah Johnson, Kevin Wu **Row 8:** Cynthia Atkinson, Nicole Cardaras, Jay Weaver, Kyle Hawrot, Ryan Buck, Ranen Tooley, Jeremy Vega, Stephen Sholey

Row 9: Erin Uhrhammer, Jordan Wilcox, James Tendeck, Tommy Galusha, Trevor Dahlgren



Brittany Stepp, 11
By: Ashley Warren

Beginning Choir sings *Snow is Falling* at the Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 9. "I joined choir because

I wanted to become a better singer. I think it really helped," said senior Vincent Lynch. Photo by A. Warren



Kelsey Fleming, Krystal Brei, 9
& Abigail Phillips, 10

Perfect tone reaches the audience as Choralaires sing *I Dreamed a Dream* from *Les Mes*. "Being in Choralaires my freshman year was really cool," said freshman Emily Poe. Photo by C. Wallace



Beginning Choir Row 1: Ashley Walstra, Serena Ketchum, Emily Poe, Kiley Ferris, Maegan Hernandez, Summer Mitchell, Abigail Phillips Row 2: Sarah Schaezel, Klara Hausenfleck, Leanna Cooper, Krystal Hoover, Kelsey Fleming, Allison Klarich, Kylie Becker, Caitlyn Wallace, Samatha Piepenbrink Row 3: Melissa Matthews, Pamela VanderWoude, Hannahmae Buckmaster, Angela Jackubowicz, Elizabeth Torbitt, Allison Punnea, Samantha Mitchell, Ariana Revercomb, Sarah Kerkes Row 4: Emma Abbring, Cassandra Tiemens, Kaitlyn Hoffman, Katelin Gilbert, Briana Keister,



Francheska Slayton, Kelsie Howe, Allison Brizek, Michayla Walter Row 5: Mrs. Lisa Faletto, Jerome Wyrobek, Nathan Guerrero, Schuyler Walters, Vincent Lynch, Joshua Bliss, Tommy Buckmaster, Brandon Franz, Mrs. Sandy Tiemens



Choralaires Row 1: Mrs. Sandy Tiemens, Hannah Kuhn, Carley Abel, Jessica Reyes, Genna Trueblood, Victoria Wyrobek, Brittany Baker, Kimberly Lopez, Katherine Patz Row 2: Sydney Barrett, Skylar Scott, Paige Asbridge,

Jeannine Troutner, Aracely Reyes, Peyton Billens, Rene Jones, Tabitha Hart Row 3: Mrs. Lisa Faletto, Brionna Johnson, Hannah Sherwood, Emma Clark, Jessica Trueblood, Samantha Williams, Brittney Hale

[He who sings, scares away his woes]

While walking down the main hall, the melodic sound of voices raised in song reverberated beneath the lobby dome as choir members practiced for a concert.

Led by Mrs. Lisa Faletto accompanied by pianist Mrs. Sandy Tiemens, all three choirs excelled.

In Level I, the Concert Choir, Choralaires

in Level II, and Beginning Choir in III earned Gold at ISSMA competition on April 13 for both singing and sight reading. "Receiving Gold on our first trip to ISSMA was amazing. We worked really hard and made Ms. Faletto proud," said freshman Krystal Hoover.

In ISSMA State Solo

and Ensemble competition on February 23 in Indianapolis, Gold winners included Haley Garza, Katelin Gilbert, Brittney Hale, Grace Huddleston, Annelise Phillips, Sarah Schaetzel, Alyssa Serviss, Jessica Smundin, and Megan Wolf. Silver winners were Mirka Roman-Cortez and Nicole Wisneski.

Ensemble including Jordan Clark, Annelise Phillips, Mirka Roman-Cortez, Jessica Smundin, Genna Truelock, and Jay Weaver also won gold.

During the Spring Concert on May 16, three choirs joined the band as more than 175 teens performed music that was adapt-

ed by Mrs. Faletto so that the finale was one mass band and choir *Les Miserables* musical number.

Honor was also bestowed on Brittney Hale, Grace Huddleston, Katelin Lott, Anneliese Phillips, and Jessica Smundin who performed with the All State Choir.



Freshman Summer Mitchell and senior Dillon Kerns warm up for their final concert. "Our last concert was really fun. We all hung out in the choir room while waiting to go on. I had a great time," said Mitchell. Photo by C. Wallace

Choralaires anxiously await the signal to start their first song of the Spring Concert. "You could feel the anticipation when we were waiting to start. It was like you could taste it," said sophomore Bailey Williams. Photo by C. Bailey



Concert Choir Row 1: Emily Cwiklinski, Brittney Hale, Nicole Wisneski, Renee Jones, Lillian Luttringer Row 2: Mrs. Lisa Faletto, Dillon Kerns, Patrick Snow, Jay Weaver, Spencer Guerrero, Trevor Shelhart, Mrs. Sandy Tiemens Row 3: Annelise Phillips, Katelin Gilbert, Haley Garza, Heather Jaki, Jessica

Smundin, Katelin Lott, Grace Huddleston, Genna Truelock, Mirka Roman Row 4: Jessica Tiemens, Emily Shear, Megan Wolf, Ashley Boonstra, Peyton Billens, Ashley Baker, Bailey Hamstra, Kiana Letica, Cassandra Ooms Row 5: Jordan Clark, Brandon Martin, Brandon Franz

By: Caitlyn Wallace



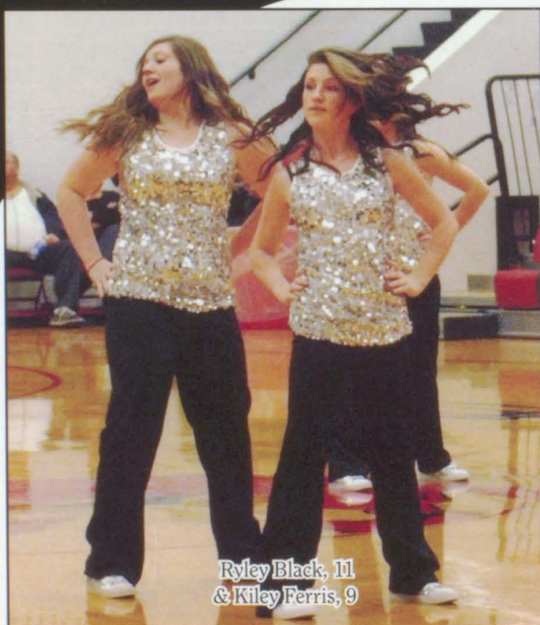
Jordan Kroll, 12

Junior Jessica Sexton, freshman Kaitlyn Kerulis, senior Sabrina Misiak and sopho-

more Hannah Taylor lead the children in their mini camp routine. *Photo by A. Oney*



"Leading a team can be very difficult and can have its challenges, but in the end seeing your choreography being performed by hard working girls, is a huge reward in itself." Said second year member and co-captain Mackenzie Glenn. *Photo by T. Sparks*



Ryley Black, 11
& Kiley Ferris, 9

Row 1: Sabrina Misiak Row 2: Jessica Sexton, Karla Duran, Megan Davis, Hannah Taylor, Jessica Sewell, Isabel Infante Row 3: Alexis Johnson, Caitlin Kerulis, Emily Tauber, Skylar Scott, Mackenzie Glenn, Ryley Black. Not Pictured: Kiley Ferris, Maddison Lawrence, Serenity Roberts



Supporting each other by linking arms, freshman Isabel Infante, junior Karla Duran, freshman Emily Tauber, soph-

omore Mackenzie Glenn and juniors Megan Davis and Ryley Black swing back and fourth. *Photo by C. Bailey*



[Dancers sparkle]

Sequined uniforms and bright smiles made these dancers stand out every performance.

They practiced over the summer and gained inseparable bonds. "By spending time together and bonding we formed a family. This helped us when we were practicing and working together.

Since we were so close, practices went smoothly and made us better dancers and a better team as a whole" said junior Ryley Black.

Ms. Sherri Morrison and former award winning Dance Team member Shannon Morrison coached the girls through the summer and fall during

which girls held a mini camp. Profits financed the Sweetheart Dance, which was held on February 16. "Alice in Wonderland" decorations included full size cutouts of the main characters. "Decorating for the dance was fun. We all had to make posters and help out in some way," said junior

Jessica Sexton.

Basketball season brought new sequined uniforms and a new coach, Rhonda Davis. They practiced and perfected their routines six days a week, which ensured they were ready for the next pep session or basketball performance.

Six girls earned a

third place trophy at the annual Hoosier open dance/cheer competition at Portage on February 24. Third year participant Junior co-captain Megan Davis summarized her experience, "Competition brought the team closer together and also created greater friendships."



Captains sophomore Mackenzie Glenn and junior Megan Davis sparkle across the floor during a Boys' Basketball game. Photo by C. Bailey

Before starting their routine, Sophomore Serenity Roberts hits her assigned pose at the annual winter pep session. Photo by C. Bailey



On the football field, juniors Skylar Scott and Karla Duran lead the mini-camp girls "Mini Camp has taught me that all the little girls look up to us. I loved mini-camp because I knew that then and there, I was their role model", said Karla Duran. Photo by A. Oney

By Alyssa Matson & Kelsie Chaney



Isabel Infante, 9

"I thought all the different activities were interesting, and I learned a lot about God," said sophomore Jason Szerlak who talked with Adam Sayers about their club activity. photo by C. Bailey

Sophomore Savannah Johnson pours free fruit punch on Hawaiian day. "My favorite part of Hawaiian day was making people smile and brightening their day," said Johnson. photo by C. Bailey



Cassandra Shevock & Annelise Phillips, 10



Pathfinders Row 1: Mrs. Richie, Tatiana Adams, Hannah McDaniel, Kyle Noland, Brandon Boer, Cody Bailey, Sarah Axtell, William Misch, Terry Boufis, Joshua Bliss
Row 2: Savannah Johnson, Madalyn Steinke, Carissa Abell, Taylor DeKock, Annelise Phillips, Cassandra Shevock, Taitum Caggiano, Jessica Nagel, Josefina Zaragoza, Kaitlyn Dock
Row 3: Abigail Phillips, Jason Szerlak, Adam Sayers, Amanda Grevinstuk, Monica Sprouse, Mackenzie DeMars, Madeline Klauer, Brianna Stahl, Ashley Jarrette, Brittney Bartholomew



[Students Learn to Communicate]

Finding a comfort zone in high school can reduce the daily stress. For some students that comfort zone is Computer Club, a new club formed and created by Mr. Gregorio Pulido. "The club was started after I realized there was no official outlet to talk about projects and issues

that were interesting the students I teach, but not covered in any classes," Mr. Pulido explained.

The club started in second semester, but there was a lot of fun in that semester. Many of the groups enjoyed organizing times to play video games outside of school, and

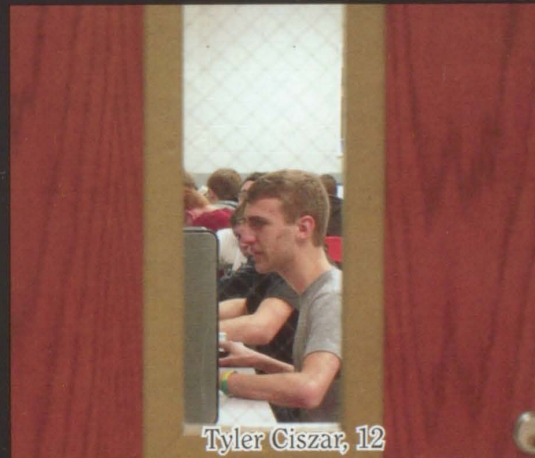
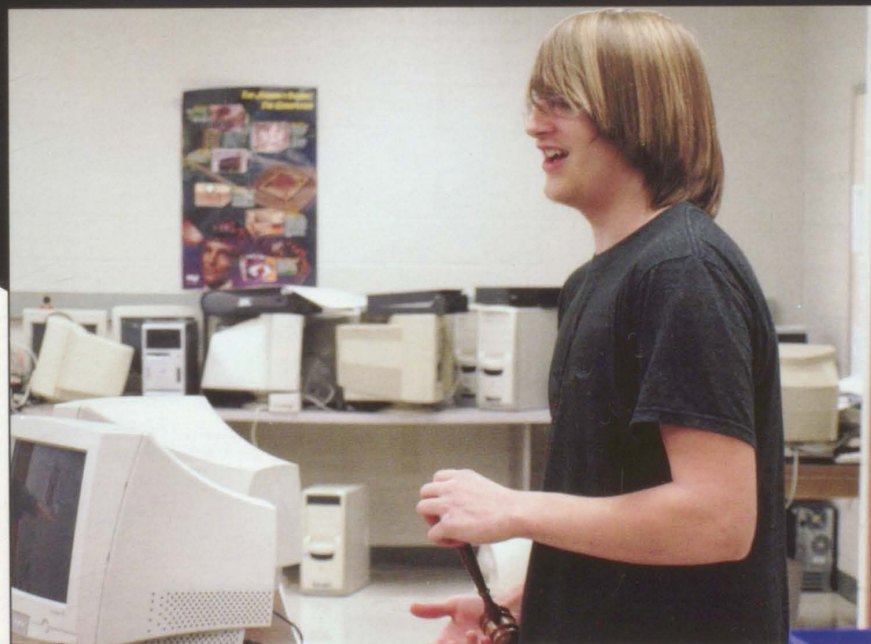
during school Pulido would direct the group towards better knowledge of the necessary technology.

On the other hand some teens also found comfort in Pathfinders Club, which focused on random acts of kindness, teaching, and learning in a Christian community.

With the help of the group, a great number of students enjoyed free punch on Hawaiian day, and during the fall students participated in See You At The Pole in honor of National Prayer Day. "See You at The Pole" is always an awesome time of the year, I loved being able to come together with

the other Christians in the school to pray for the needs of the school, the community, and the nation," said senior Sarah Axtell.

In both of these clubs they learned to communicate, relate, and connect better with the other members. Each were very different, but they had similar goals.



Tyler Cisar, 12

Junior Alex Parks leads the Computer Club as president. "Our goal as a club is to promote awareness in the field of tech and computers. We

started the Computer Club to create an environment where we could discuss our shared interest in computers," said Parks. *photo by C. Bailey*



Seniors Alex Carlton, Kyle Whitehead, Tyler Cisar, and Trevor White play games during a LAN party. "I enjoy hanging out with my friends

in the club since we have similar interests. We always have a great time when we get together," said Carlton. *photo by C. Bailey*

Computer Club Row 1: Jacob Cooper, Brendt Mitchell, Alex Parks, Jessica Van Baren, Kyle Whitehead, Mr. Gregorio Pulido Row 2: Steven Golightly, Kyle Delinsky, Ryan Nichols, Alex Carlton, James Johnson Row 3: Alan Roach, Tyler Stromatt, Jacan Geeve Row 4: Brad Severs, Trevor White, Tyler Cisar Row 5: Chase Rector, Nathan Stall, Joseph Busse, Cody Snowden Row 6: Cameron Johnson, Nicole Mosher, Steven Welch, Daniel Stach, Ryan Ruth



Ryan Nichols, 12

By: Cody Bailey

FFA members senior Brittany Hilton, freshman Taylor Bacewic, and sophomores Heather Yates and Alan Klemp load onto the bus to travel to the Area FFA Forestry Judging Contest where they placed

second out of 18. Kayla Groen, who also competed at the event, received 100 percent on her leaf classification test. Team members went on to contend at the State Forestry level. *Photo by FFA*



Paige Myers, 11



FFA Advisor Steve Inman awards President Emily Tucker with the DeKalb Award. This award was presented annually to an outstanding senior FFA member. *Photo by T. Adams*

Row 1: Mr. Steve Inman, Rylie Hoffman, Madalyn Steinke, Heather Yates, Alan Klemp Row 2: Melissa Stowers, Brittany Hilton, Paige Myers, Justin Arnett, Joseph Steinke, Bryan Sipkema, Kayla Groen Row 3: Zachary Williams, Keith McGing, Cheyann Odle, Mike Nava, Megan Groen, Crystal Podedgracz, Aubrey Boonstra Row 4: Matthew Smith, Alexander Hanewich, Samuel Hamstra, Lauren Vanderwall, Christopher Clark, Brooke Meadows, Sarah Axtell Row 5: Krystal Brei, Sean Eenigenburg, Jordan Sculley, Hunter Popp, Caleb Boose, Hunter Moore, Wyatt DeKock



[FFA develops character]

By Tatiana Adams

Focusing on reaching leadership potential, personal growth and achieving success through agricultural education, FFA worked hard to live up to the Mission Statement.

On November 15, members participated in the annual member auction where they were sold to bidders for

a day of work. Senior Brooke Scheurich sold for the highest bid.

At Red Mill Park on March 14, Envirothon team earned first out of 15 teams. Competing were freshmen Megan and Kayla Groen and Bryan Sipkema, sophomore Alan Klemp, and junior Paige Myers. "Words can't describe

how amazing it felt to win. After they called second and third place, we started to lose hope. When they called our names, I wanted to cry out of happiness and shock," said Myers.

FFA Sweetheart Candidates took the court on February 22. Capturing the crown, senior Brooke Scheurich

gushed, "I was so excited and honored when I won. It will always be one of my best memories from senior year."

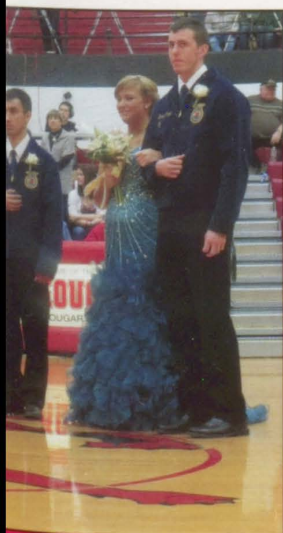
Members participated in many other activities like the Junior-Senior Agriculture Tour, the annual raft trip, going to State and National Conventions, and FFA Dress Up Week.

FFA Chapter Awards Banquet, held on April 16, was opened to members and guests. Star Greenhand Award went to Kayla Groen. Star Chapter Farmer was Alan Klemp. Emily Tucker took home the DeKalb (Senior) award, and Paige Myers received the award for Mental Attitude.



Sophomore FFA member Alan Klemp competes in one of the District Leadership contests. Klemp presented his Grain Moisture Test. Photo provided by S. Inman

Starting up his tractor, sophomore Justin Arnett prepares himself for the long ride home in the cold after FFA "Ride Your Tractor to School Day" on February 20.



Freshmen Emma Abbring and Andrew Hamstra, sophomores Lauren Vanderwall and Zachary Williams, juniors Aubrey Boonstra and Mike Nava, and seniors Brooke Scheurich and

Christopher Clark dazzle the crowd during halftime of Varsity Boys' Basketball game on February 22. Members made up the FFA Sweetheart Court. Photo by T. Adams

Standing at the 2012 National FFA Convention & Expo in Indianapolis, club sponsor Mr. Inman and freshman Kayla Groen show off Groen's t-shirt design, which was a finalist in the national competition. "It felt both amazing and exciting to be chosen once, let alone twice, as a finalist!" exclaimed Groen. Photo provided by S. Inman



Madalyn Steinke, 11

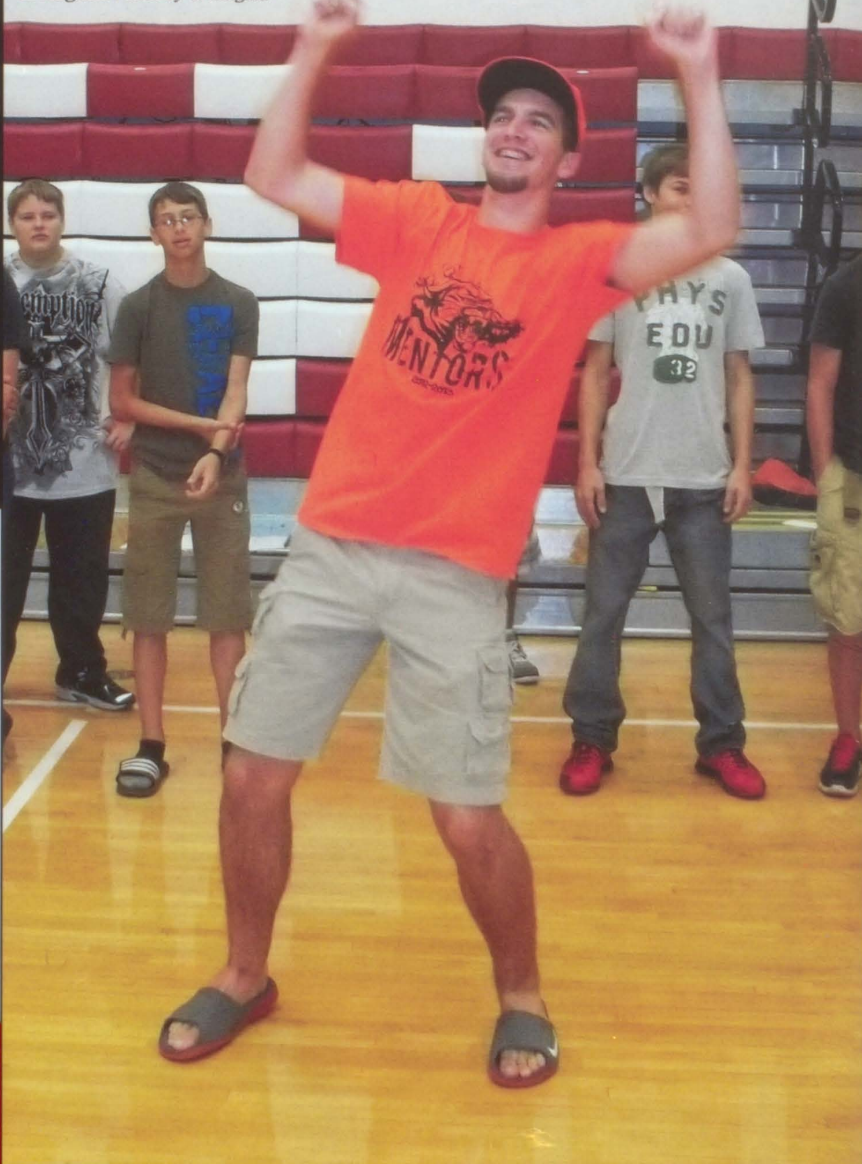
Before the Kougat Kickoff, Mrs. Ashley Welch and her Mentors make name cards for the incoming teens. "I think it is important to help

give freshmen the skills they need in order to have a successful high school career," said senior Kory Conner. Photo by T. Kingma



Jay Weaver, 12

Junior Andrew Jackson teaches a dance to the freshmen at the end of the Kougat Kickoff in August. Photo by T. Kingma



Decked out in squid hats, juniors Madalyn Steinke, Daniel Reyes, seniors Kaitlin Boonstra, Ashlyn Carlson-Burke, and junior Brandon VanSoest display the sign they made for Mr. Darrell Sterrett's Freshman Focus group. Photo by T. Kingma



During Mrs. Kingma's Freshman Focus, senior Felicia Jones makes a House of Cards with her fresh-

men. "I love helping my freshmen be the best they can be," said Jones. Photo by T. Kingma



Mentors Ease Transition

High School can be very overwhelming, especially to a freshman. Adjusting to a new environment could be difficult, but the help of a Freshman Mentor or an "FM" made freshman year a success.

Towards the end of the year, piles of applications came in and

72 Freshman Mentors were chosen. Over the summer, Mentors went through hours of training to prepare them for the job. "Training taught me that failure is not an option for my freshmen," said junior Janna Witvoet.

On August 9 from 8:30-1:00, Mentors

ran Freshman Orientation, better known as Kougat Kickoff. During this time, the incoming freshmen met their Mentors, and Freshman Focus classmates. They also played activities, ran through schedules, and received locker information. "Kougat Kickoff was fun.

I liked meeting all my new freshmen and participating in different activities," said senior James Johnson.

Throughout the year Mentors helped freshmen gain the social and study skills they needed to survive and be successful in high school. "I think the Freshman Mentor

program is great for all freshmen. It has helped me a lot with my transition from middle school to high school," said freshman Kelsey Wireman.

On December 8, Freshman Mentors hosted a "Parents Night Out" fundraiser at the Calvary Assembly of God Church.



Senior Nina Maze shows her freshmen a presentation during Mrs. Hallie Chick's Freshman Focus. "Being a Mentor is a great accomplishment for me," said Maze. Photo by A. Warren

During Mrs. Susan Kwiatkowski's Freshmen Focus class, junior Cynthia Atkinson helps freshman Allison Pumnea with a survey activity. Photo by A. Warren



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Row 4: Mirka Roman-Cortez, Allison Rockley, Kaylin Orsburn, Grace Huddleston, Katelin Lott, Brooke Sytsma, Andrew Jackson, Brent VanSoest, Tyler Birky, Christopher Clark Row 5: Travis Conley, Matthew Myers, Madalyn Steinke, Taitum Caggiano, Alejandro Infante, Robert Svitek, Briana Young Row 6: Brandon VanSoest, Tyler Montgomery, Briar Smith, Lucas Villalpando, Luke Quillen, Madison DeYoung, Morgan Campbell, Cella Wireman, Kristin Drenth Row 7: Jay Weaver, Alyssa Lunsford, Cynthia Atkinson, Justin Early, Tatiana Adams, Janna Witvoet, Trenton Smith, Kory Conner, Cody Sekema Row 8: Steven Golightly, Ioannis Petsalis, James Johnson, Paige Myers, Kristen Burden, Jennifer Sobierajski, Candice Eck, Joshua Hudspeth

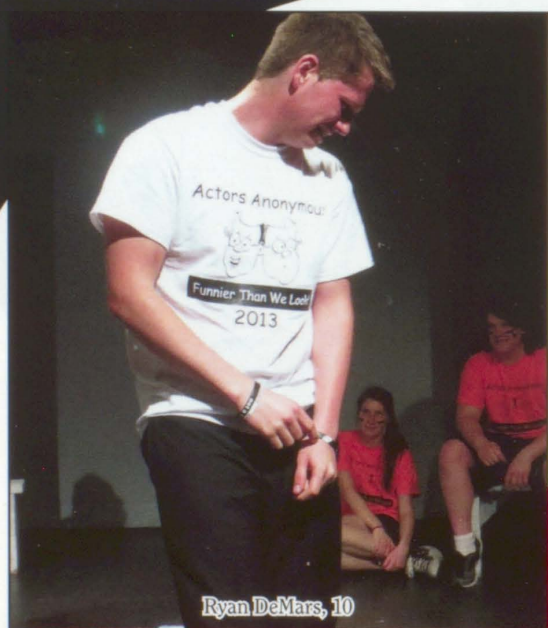


James Johnson, 12

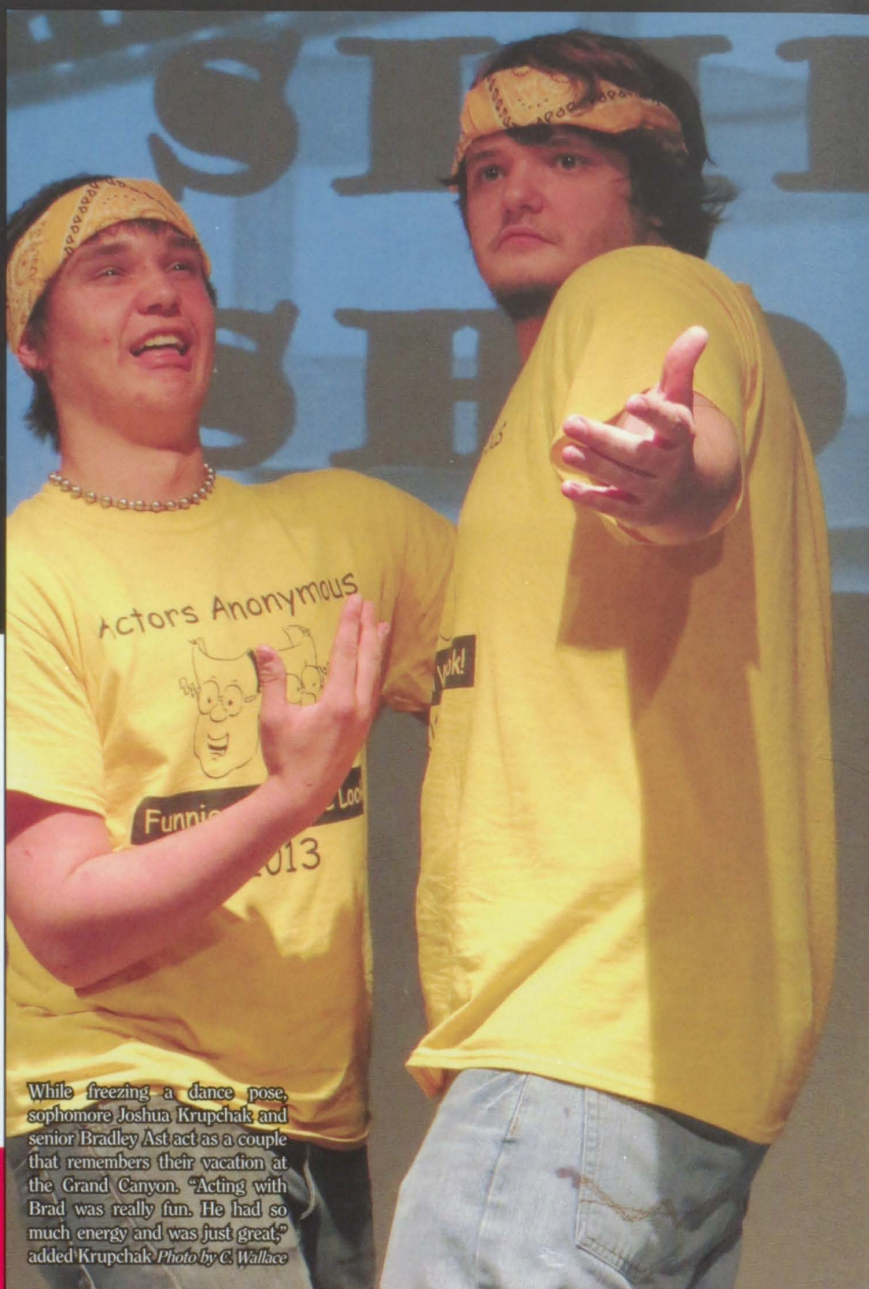
By: Ashley Warren

Junior Luke Sanderson and sophomore Kayla Gustafson pose for the game *Slide Show* during a remembered vacation to Narnia. "I really loved

doing Improv. We just had a blast trying to come up with things to do," commented Gustafson. Photo by C. Wallace

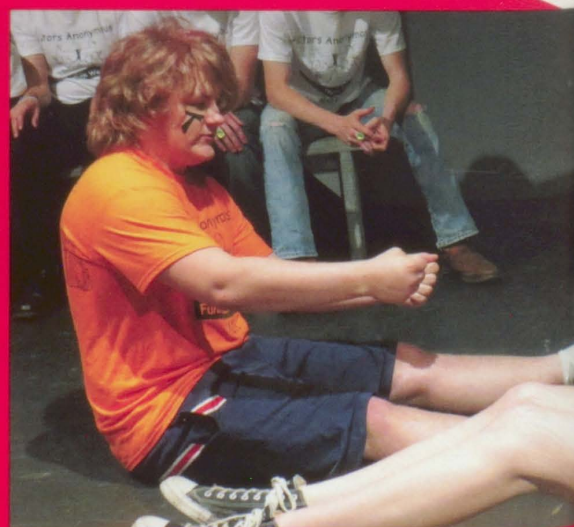


Ryan DeMars, 10



While freezing a dance pose, sophomore Joshua Krupchak and senior Bradley Ast act as a couple that remembers their vacation at the Grand Canyon. "Acting with Brad was really fun. He had so much energy and was just great," added Krupchak. Photo by C. Wallace

The Dinosaurs with junior Mirka Roman-Cortez, seniors Steven Golightly and Jesse Slawnikowski decide on what to act out for *What's My Line*. "I loved being the captain of our team. We worked really well together, and worked extremely hard. I was really proud of everyone and the amount of effort they put into the team," said Roman-Cortez. Photo by C. Wallace



[Only he who is well prepared has any opportunity to improvise]

Four teams competed to win the rubber chicken during Improv.

On May 17, during Round 1, Demented Ducks and The Justice League played *Do Run Run* and *Oscar Winning Moments*. "It was my first Improv, and I was stoked that we won," said sopho-

more Demented Duck Robert Ragsdale.

Macho Americans and The Dinosaurs went head to head in Round 2. Playing the *Alphabet Game*, *Chain Murder Mystery*, and *Party Quirks*, The Dinosaurs went on to Round 3 where they went up against the

Demented Ducks in the final round. They played *Four Corners*, with four scenes per team, and the audience had to vote on best scene. "Playing *Four Corners* can be a challenge because you have to come up with funny things to say. The pressure of it is

the tie breaker which makes it a little more challenging," said junior Luke Sanderson.

On May 18, Demented Ducks in *Do Run Run* and *Slide Show* fell twice to Macho Americans.

In Round 2, The Justice League and The Dinosaurs played

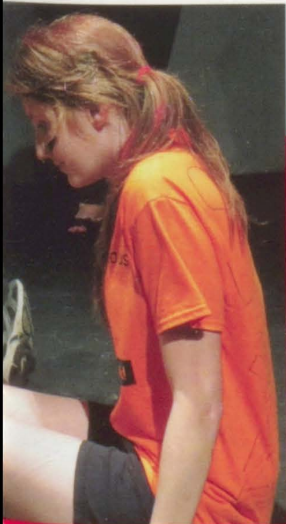
Chain Murder Mystery and *What's My Line*. Although they tied in *Chain Murder Mystery*, Justice League won out in the end.

In Round 3, Macho Americans impressed the audience and beat The Justice League by playing *Four Corners* as the tie breaker.



Playing *Do Run Run*, senior Nicole Wisneski goes against fellow senior Taylor Nomanson. Nomanson won and went on for two more rounds of the game. Photo by C. Wallace

During *Four Corners* Trevor Shelhart plays Batman ordering pizza. "As captain of The Justice League, I could've either been Superman or Batman, but I like Batman better," the senior said. Photo by C. Wallace



During *Chain Murder Mystery*, senior Steven Golightly shows sophomore Cassandra Ooms what occupation he has without making any "human" noises. On the first night, The Dinosaurs were at a

llama farm, worked as a police officer, and were killed by *Spongebob*. Their second night, they were a race car driver at a haunted house, and they were killed by a spatula. Photo by C. Wallace

After team Macho America won the first round, they celebrated by dancing to YMCA. "Winning our last day was awesome, I think everyone just had a blast no matter what the outcomes were," said senior Taylor Nomanson. Photo by C. Wallace



Krystal Hoover, 9
By: Caitlyn Wallace

Junior Ashley Jarrette twirls a flag during a half time performance. "Kolor Guard is very difficult. It takes dedica-

tion, perfect harmony, and sportsmanship. Without these things we wouldn't be a Guard." *Photo by A. Oney*



Kayla Gustafson, 10

"Performances were so much fun! The band playing really helps boost our energy, and helps our overall performance," said sophomore Kayla Gustafson who paused for a moment during halftime at the Homecoming game. "Twirling the flags and guns isn't as hard as everyone thinks. It's actually fairly easy. As long as you concentrate on what you're doing, and put in your practice, you got it under control," said Gustafson. *Photo by A. Oney*



For Senior Night, Laura Estrada walks down the track with her parents. Laura was the only senior in Kolor Guard. *Photo by C. Bailey*



[Guard Sparkles Crowd]

Only performing at home games, Kolor Guard added spirit during their performances at halftime. They were also responsible for presenting the colors during the National anthem. "With only having four team members, the pressure was on.

Practices were very important to ensure us that we would be performing our best," said sophomore Carley Abel. People seem to take Kolor Guard for granted, but they put in two to three hours of practice every day during the year.

With the ending of

Winter Guard, Kolor Guard helped amp up Kougars Spirit. To twirl a six foot flag in mid air and swing a long gun in circles takes a lot of concentration and effort. "Synchronizing the routines is always a big challenge, but whenever we achieve this challenge, it's the most

amazing feeling ever," said Estrada.

Sophomores Kayla Gustafson and Carley Abel, junior Ashley Jarrette, and senior Laura Estrada were the girls who made up the Kolor Guard Quartet. They performed during halftime at several home games. During march-

ing season, Kolor Guard received both guard and visual awards.

Uniforms were paid for by the girls. "I loved our new uniforms! The old ones were becoming a bit out of date," laughed Jarrette. Kolor Guard was under the direction of themselves and Shannon Jamieson.



Kolor Guard stands with raised flags for the National Anthem at the football game against Andrean. Girls also performed later at halftime.

Photo by: C. Bailey

Carley Abel, sophomore, pauses a moment while the band played. She performed at the Homecoming game with the rest of the Kolor Guard.

Photo by A. Oney

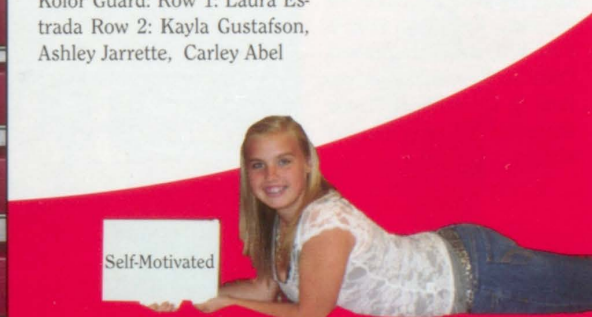


Senior Laura Estrada weaves her way through the band members while performing at halftime. "I have met so many great friends. I loved the KV invites. I always felt on top of

the world," she said. Laura has been in Kolor Guard since her freshman year. "I'm going to miss performing on the field when I graduate," said Estrada.

Photo By: T. Sparks

Kolor Guard: Row 1: Laura Estrada Row 2: Kayla Gustafson, Ashley Jarrette, Carley Abel

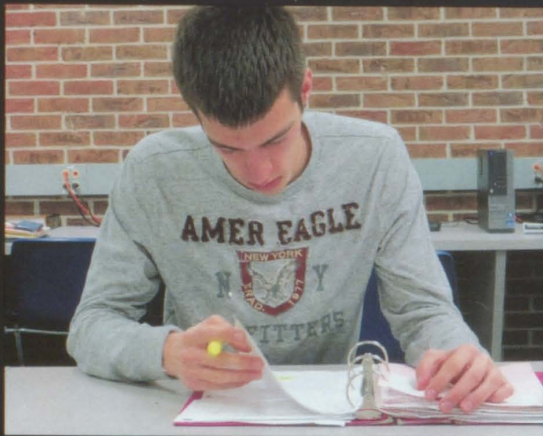


Kaylee Engstrom, 10

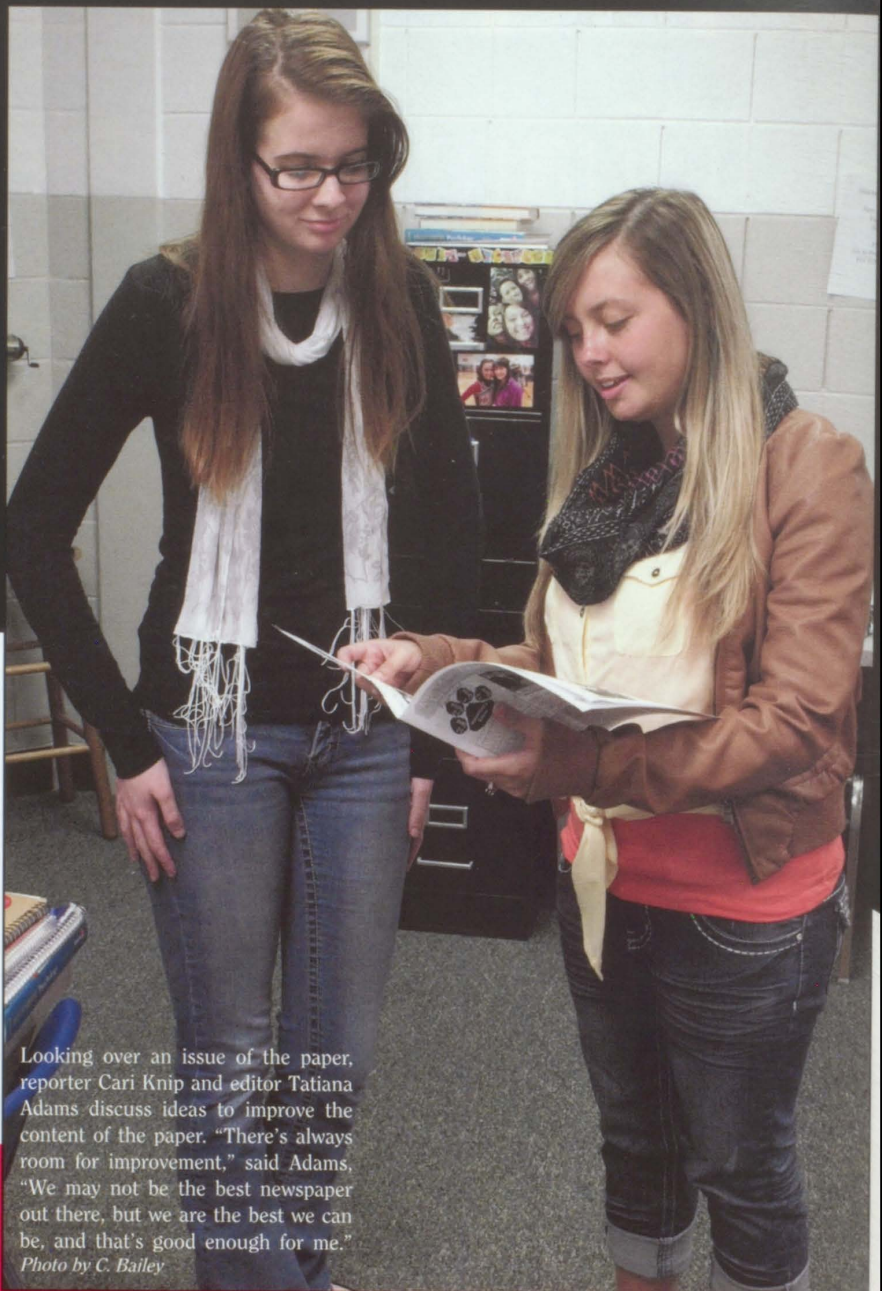
By: Adanna Oney

Second year staff member Lucas Villalpando reviews the Ad Sales binder to choose which ads to design for a spring Issue. Villalpando stepped in second semester to complete ads

for the remainder of the year. "My favorite part of newspaper was working with Tat. Together we made the perfect dynamic duo," laughed the junior. *Photo by T. Adams*



Cody Bailey, 12



Looking over an issue of the paper, reporter Cari Knip and editor Tatiana Adams discuss ideas to improve the content of the paper. "There's always room for improvement," said Adams. "We may not be the best newspaper out there, but we are the best we can be, and that's good enough for me." *Photo by C. Bailey*

Newspaper Row 1: Lucas Villalpando, Tyler Pritt Row 2: Cari Knip, Kirsten Burden, Cody Bailey, Tatiana Adams Row 3: Christopher Berns, Katherine Jefferson, Zachary Wright



[Keeping *The Spirit* Alive]

Spending every day with students who shared their interests, staying after school for work nights, and fighting like sisters and brothers: this was how staff members grew to become a family.

"Sure everyone in newspaper has their stressful moments, but when it comes down

to it, we all have each other's best interest in mind. That's what makes us a family," said junior staff member Christopher Berns.

Newspaper required staff members to interview all types of students and teachers about multiple subjects. "Being in newspaper I am able to know

more about what is going on at school, and it helps me be more involved with school events," said senior reporter and staff photographer Cody Bailey.

Newspaper staff worked diligently in order to put out two professional issues: the Christmas Issue and the Senior Issue.

"It was really cool to see our paper on something other than regular printer paper. It made me feel pride in our staff and in our school," commented senior staff member Katherine Jefferson.

Photographer Bailey organized Valentine's Day pictures with a big cut-out heart designed

by Katherine Jefferson.

Staffers were responsible for fundraisers such as selling ads, Little Caesar's pizza kits, and Terri Lynn candy.

Quill & Scroll Honor Society Inductees included Ioannis Petsalis and Rachel Milligan who did outstanding work in publications and earned a high GPA.



Reporter Christopher Berns interviews fellow classmate Miranda Dodge regarding her personal composition of "Zelda Medley". Dodge composed the tune with junior Cynthia Atkinson. Photo by T. Adams

"Learning to use InDesign was tricky at first, but once I got the hang of it, I was able to design some really neat spreads," said junior Kirsten Burden. Photo by T. Adams



Senior staff members Ioannis Petsalis and Katherine Jefferson review the St. Patrick's Day Issue. "Newspaper was definitely a new experience.

It helped me to get out of my comfort zone by learning new things and working with new people," explained Petsalis. Photo by T. Adams

Quill & Scroll Row 1: Tatiana Adams, Michael Roth, Shelby Hurst Row 2: Lucas Villalpando, Miranda Retzlaff, Alyssa Matson, Christopher Berns

By Tatiana Adams



Tatiana Adams, 11

President Maribeth Strong speaks at the National Honor Society Induction Ceremony. "Speaking in front of people makes me nervous, but I felt honored to be up there in front

of everyone. Giving a speech at the Induction Ceremony made me feel special because I got to set an example for the new inductees," commented Strong. Photo by T. Adams

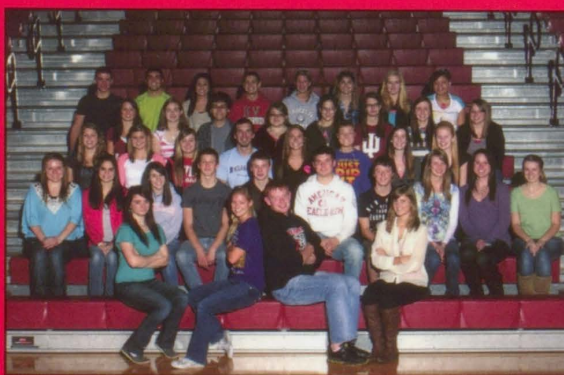


Hannah Klemp, 11 & Alexandra Eggert, 11



Seniors Jennifer Sobierajski and Nicole Jaki pick up punch after the induction ceremony. Photo by T. Adams.

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Cobb, Katelin Gilbert, Caitlyn Giv- naven, Gabrielle Martin, Rachel Mil- ligan, Daniel Reyes, Travis Seibt, Brianna Stahl, Matthew Staton, Toni Stoermann, Brandon VanSoest, Tessa Whitson, Josefina Zaragoza, Tara Beere, Nicole Cardaras, Justin

Edwards, Bryce Gawronski, Kaitlyn Jones, Michelle Kent, Alan Klemp, Emmett Meiss, Morgan Overstreet, Kyle Patton, Beau Sarosy, Kendall Schultz, Jessica Smundin, Jacob Stemper, Melissa Stowers, Eric Vorst, Zachary Witkowski, Rikki Young



Members spark involvement

Intelligence and commitment were the basic elements that sparked involvement in National Honor Society.

Established in 1921, National Honor Society's purpose is to recognize outstanding students in the school. Students in NHS also must model excellence in scholarship,

leadership, service and character. These four characteristics are the foundation of NHS.

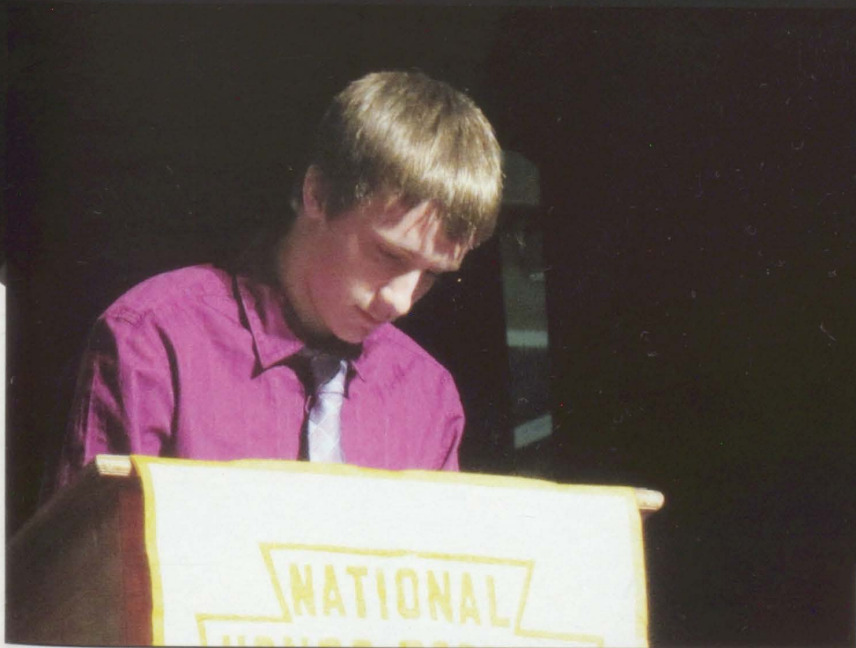
NHS members were required to be at least a sophomore who has been at KV for a semester or longer. They must have at least a GPA of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale. Then students were evaluated for their

service, leadership and character. Lastly, the chapter voted for who got to be inducted.

Under the direction of Mr. Shawn Lane, teens participated in several volunteer projects. Volunteer projects included: working at the elementary family fun night, volunteering at the scholastic book

fair, helping out during court yard clean up, tutoring freshmen after school, and reciting the pledge in the morning. "I really enjoyed tutoring in Zap Zone through NHS. I felt like I could actually help some kids with their homework. Plus Mrs. Skrobul always made us the best

brownies!" said junior Taitum Caggiano. During the April induction 33 new members were added in a candle light ceremony. "Being inducted into National Honor Society was a really big accomplishment for me. I liked being recognized for my hard work," said sophomore Rikki Young.



Sophomore Justin Edwards steps up to the podium during the induction ceremony.

Photo by T. Adams

After the induction ceremony, junior Madison Babicka fills her cup with fruit punch. *Photo by T. Adams*



Secretary Grace Huddleston, President Maribeth Strong, Vice President Brent VanSoest and Treasurer Madalyn Steinke light the four candles which stand for scholarship, service,

leadership and character at the annual induction ceremony. "As the treasurer of NHS, I was in charge of handling the money and also to assist whenever needed." *Photo by T. Adams*

Seniors Sophia Hufnagel and Alexis Tinkel enjoy cake and punch after the induction ceremony. *Photo by T. Adams*

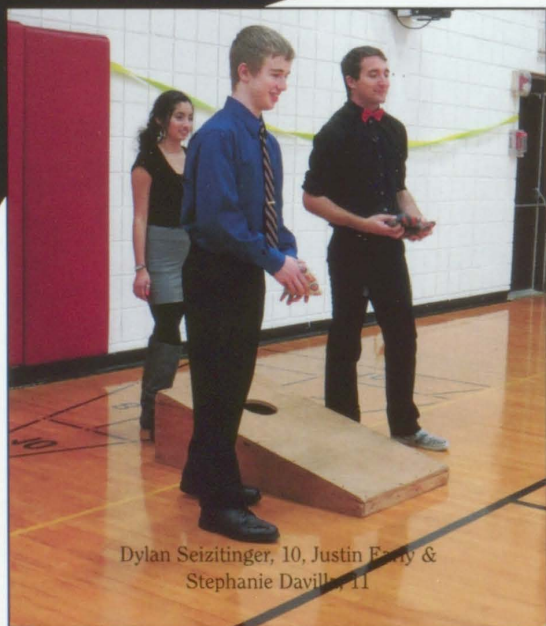
By: Kelsie Chaney



Taylor Nomanson, 12

Junior Grace Huddleston interacts with her buddy freshman Timothy Lawson during a meeting. "Despite his handicaps, Timmy always has

a smile on his face, which is so inspiring. I absolutely love having him as my buddy!" exclaimed Huddleston. *Photo provided by Mr. Epley*



Dylan Seizitinger, 10, Justin Ferry & Stephanie Davilla, 11



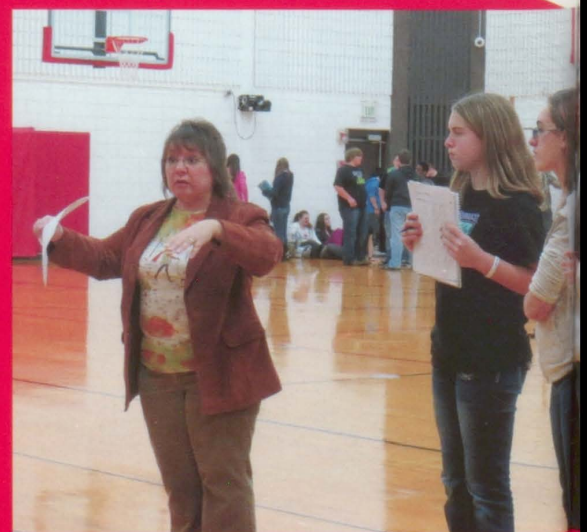
On December 6, Best Buddies held a celebration during school for those in the club. Freshman Schuyler Walters and senior Joshua Vega enjoy a game of Twister, one of the many activities that was provided. *Photo by T. Adams*

Row 1: Treasurer Caitlyn Givaven, Vice President Kaitlyn Wrenzinski, President Tara Beere, Secretary Rebecca Loslo, Timothy Lawson Row 2: Mr. Paul Epley, Celina DeVries, Grace Huddleston, Justin Scally, Lillian Luttringer, Dylan Seizitinger, Maribeth Strong, Daniel Brownfield, Mariah Stanley, Kristina McKinney Row 3: Jessica Reyes, Adrian Morrow, Keshia Molden, Christian Hawkins, Sophie Hufnagel, Schuyler Walters, Alexis Tinkel, Sean Eenigenburg, Kelsie Chaney Row 4: Mackenzie Glenn, Megan Davis, Karla Duran, Devin Uylaki, Stephanie Davila, Adelaide Forden, Marisol Sanchez, Jessica Zapata, Erin Gouwens Row 5: Dalton Milbourn



Tiffany Hansel, Katherine Woolever, Beau Sarosy, Nicole Cardaras, Joshua Hudspeth, Sabrina Misiak, Jennifer Stewart, Heather Jaki, Kara Gouwens

Row 6: Mia Stevens, Brikayla Babe, Haley Wotherspoon, Alyssa Lunsford, Kaitlyn Braun, Jessica Tiemens, Tatiana Adams, Mia Forden, Bailey Richardson



[Buddies aim for Smiles]

"The miracle of friendship usually begins with a smile" was the motto to live by for members of the new club Best Buddies. Created by sophomores Tara Beere and Kaitlyn Wrezinski, the club brought together two different social groups. Best Buddies created one on one friendships between teens with disabilities and their buddy counterparts. "Tara and I noticed that there was a lot of bullying towards the special needs kids, who are the kindest and least judgemental people in society," commented Wrezinski.

After applying and getting accepted into

Best Buddies, each member filled out a compatibility form to determine which of the buddies would be the most compatible buddy for him/her.

Once decided, they became a "family". Buddies and families were required to interact with each other throughout the day.

This included walking to classes or eating lunch with each other. Outside of school, buddies got together twice a month. "Lexi took me to see the play, and we went to Dairy Queen after the show. It was awesome!" exclaimed freshman Schuyler Walters.

To kick off the new

club, a semi-formal dance with games, snacks, and pictures brought two hours of smiles and laughter.

Best Buddies joined the area-wide Friendship Walk at Lake County Fairgrounds on May 11. At the end of the year, Best Buddies created a garden in the West Annex.



During a meeting, Best Buddies members join around a strip of paper on which they created a giant-sized picture as a whole. Photo by A. Warren

President Tara Beere and Vice President Kaitlyn Wrenzinski pass out multiple colored leis to junior Natalie Lotz on the club sponsored Hawaiian Day. Photo by C. Wallace



Adviser Mrs. Gwyn Skrobol speaks with the club along with the officers and Life Skills teacher Mr. Paul Epley. "The Best Buddies Club has pro-

vided an avenue for several of my students to develop genuine friendships with their high school peers," commented Mr. Epley. Photo by R. Milligan

Taking a break at the end of a meeting, sophomore Beau Sarosy chases fellow classmate Justin Scally in a game of Duck, Duck, Goose. "I joined Best Buddies to try and make a difference. I enjoy hanging out and having fun with my buddy outside of school," commented Sarosy. Photo by R. Milligan



Adelaide Forden, 11
By: Rachel Milligan

Juniors Miranda Dodge and Cynthia Atkinson present student teacher Mr. Daniel Coffey with a card signed by all of his students. Mr. Coffey

was the person who helped to pinpoint what I wanted to do in life, and now I know that it involves music," said Dodge. Photo by C. Bailey



Lindsay Holley, 10



In his final Spring Concert, senior Jacob Cooper plays his heart out. "Out of all the years I've been in

Orchestra, I think I would have to say this year was my favorite," commented Cooper. Photo by C. Bailey

Orchestra Row 1: Khristine Mak, Justin Early, Abby Tinkel, Kaitlyn Leach, Nicole Cardaras, Alyssa Lunsford, Cynthia Atkinson Row 2: Lindsay Holley, Abbey Sittena, Jacob Stemper, Bryan Sipkema, Morgan Mann, Tara Beere, Brittney Bartholomew, Jacob Cooper, Travis Seibt Row 3: Tania Ortega, Kayla Gustafson, Dannae Yozman, Ashley Sanders, Drew Havens, Celina DeVries, Taylor Nomanson, Ashley Jarrette, Miranda Dodge Row 4: Mr. Daniel Coffey, Alexander Steinberg, Kaitlyn Wrezinski, Mr. Kenneth Steidle Row 5: Bradley Ast, Jared Ast, Tyler Hann, Robert Kuhn, Brandon Atkinson



[Orchestra strums for gold]

Orchestra was a way for students to enrich their musical talents in viola, violin, bass, cello, and piano.

"We have a wide spectrum of experience in the room. The kids soak it up like a sponge. They want it. They like to learn," said Conductor Mr. Kenneth Steidle.

For the first time KV hosted ISSMA where Orchestra won gold for their Level II performance.

High honors began with Junior Cynthia Atkinson who was a recipient of the National School Orchestra Award.

Nina Maze, a multi-talented musician re-

ceived a Presidential Scholarship to Valparaiso to study Music Education and was asked to perform with Valpo's Professional Ensemble Windiana on their summer tour of China. "It's a once in a lifetime opportunity. I am going to miss my Graduation, but it is worth it," ex-

claimed Maze. Along with senior Trevor Shelhart, Maze was also selected as the Marine Corp. Semper Fidelis recipient for their outstanding solo work and individual leadership in band.

Musicians performed at a Concert Festival at Kings Island on May 4 in Cincinnati,

Ohio. helped them earn a silver award.

Concerts included October 11, December 9 and May 16. In May, Orchestra created a finale when they combined with band and choir to perform a medley of songs from "Les Miserables". After the concert, seniors were honored with red roses.



Juniors Cynthia Atkinson and Alyssa Lunsford perform a duet before the curtain opens. "I love everything about Orchestra. It's the only

reason I wake up in the morning. There's no better way to express my feelings than through music," said Atkinson. Photo by C. Bailey



Focusing on his sheet music, junior Justin Early performs "The Red Pony" by Aaron Copeland. "This was an incredibly difficult number that

required immense speed, technicality, and careful watching to play and project accurately," explained Early. Photo by C. Bailey



For their last performance night, seniors Jacob Cooper, Taylor Nomanson, Bradley Ast, and Sean Valois receive roses. "I loved being able to perform

with everyone one last time. The memories I've made in orchestra will always be great ones. It was bittersweet," said Ast. Photo by C. Bailey

Sophomore Nicole Cardaras plays her cello. "Our musical talent brings joy to my life. I like being able to bring that joy into other peoples' lives also," said Cardaras. Photo by C. Bailey

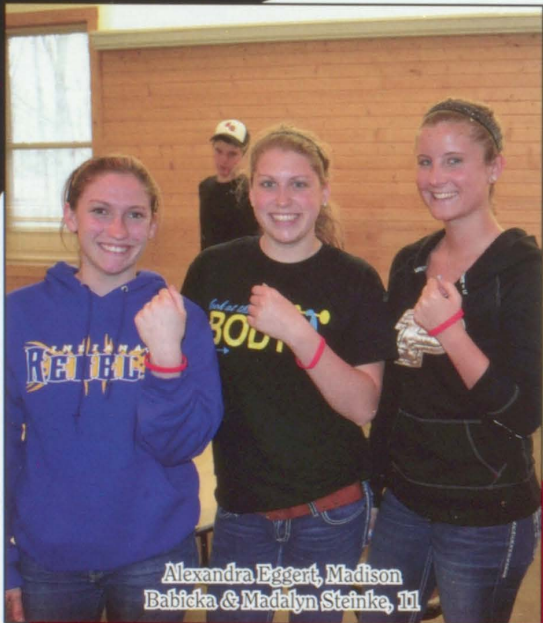
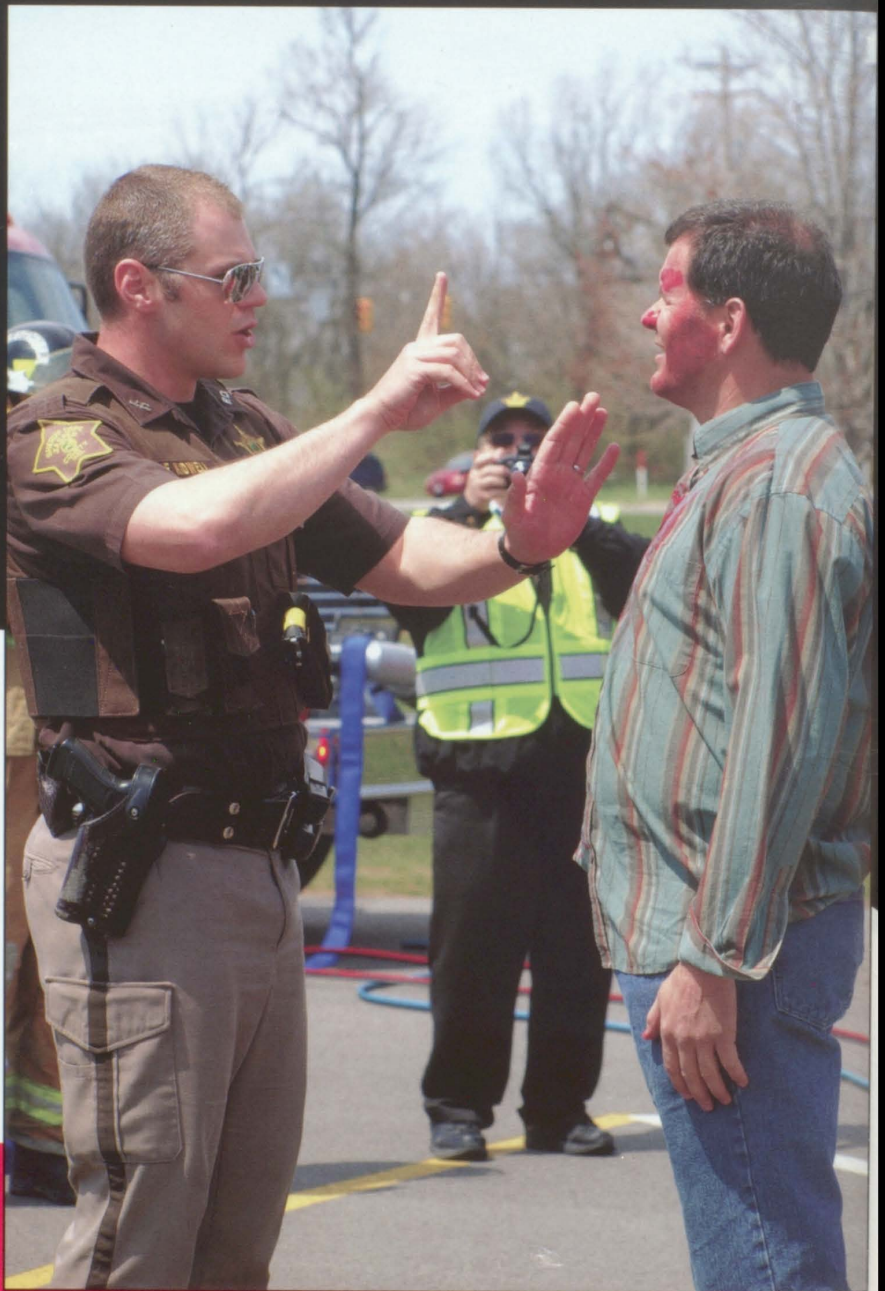


Nina Maze, 12
By Cody Bailey

Senior Richard Gawronski smiles while giving blood. "I chose to give blood just because it was something I never thought I would get the chance to do," said Gawronski. Photo by C. Bailey



Officer Kidwell and Mr. Jeff Martin act out a drunk test. "I pray that none of our students will actually have to go through a serious car crash for real," commented Mr. Martin. Photo by C. Bailey



Alexandra Eggert, Madison Babicka & Madalyn Steinke, 11

Pioneers: Row 1: Trevor Shethart, Brandon Hazlett, Row 2: Madison Babicka, Hannah Klemp, Madalyn Steinke, Amy Gunter, Joli Jungles, Briar Smith, Gabrielle Martin, Row 3: Bryce Gawronski, Michelle Kent, Jacob Stemper



[SADD & Pioneerz help all]

Under the leadership of Mrs. Sue Kwiatkowski, SADD focused on keeping teens safe from destructive decisions. "SADD is important to me because I want to make our school aware of how easy it is to make a bad decision, and how the consequences impact our school," said junior

Kaylin Orsburn.

In October, SADD and Pioneerz had an event called Red Ribbon week, which included dress up days, making good decisions, and students standing up against bullying.

In the spring SADD Club members organized the mock car crash. This event went

on the day before Prom, and it was intended to show students what could possibly happen if they chose to make a bad choice. "Seeing the mock crash was beneficial, it should go on each year," said senior Brittany Baker.

In April, Pioneerz hosted the Music Fest which showed some

of the towns talent. "I loved that people could enjoy themselves, and the audience returned the emotion,"

Being a leader, helping teens and making the school safer was only part of what Pioneerz did. After the mock car crash, all students went to the gym for a presentation over

drinking and driving. Pioneerz Club members handed out flyers encouraging students not to drink and drive, and attached to the flyer were Smarties. "In my past three years of Pioneerz Club, I have learned to be a better leader and help others," said junior Madison Babicka.



Taking a break at their retreat, Pioneerz members enjoy their lunch. "I like Pioneerz because it taught me how to be a better leader," said senior Brandon Hazlett. Photo by A. Strange

Senior Volunteer fire fighter Jacob Vujko uses the jaws of life to cut off the roof of the car in the mock car crash. Photo by C. Bailey



Sophomore Mykenzie Seegers and junior Keegan Higgins act in the mock car crash that was done the day before Prom. "It was really cool to pretend to

be in it, I liked it a lot. It was surprisingly real, but hard to play unconscious at times. I felt like they could see me moving," said Seegers. Photo by C. Bailey

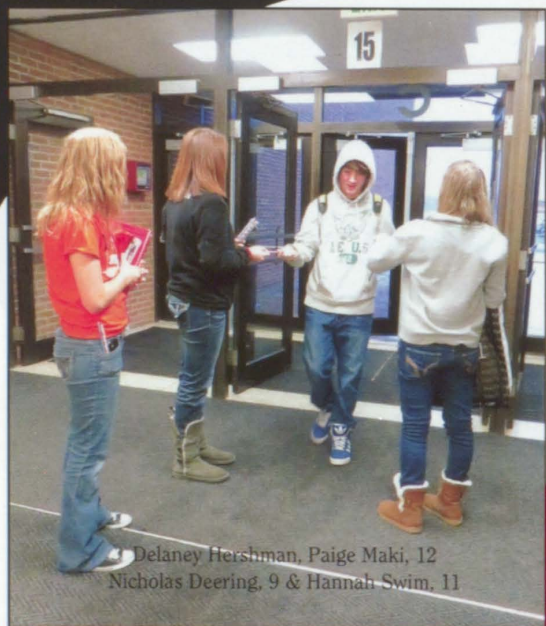
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**Caitlin Roth, 10
By: Brittany Braden**

At the Indiana Museum of Science, Student Council members from different schools attend a dance from

7:00 - 11:00 on November 4. Students ended the day with a candle lighting ceremony. Photo by R. Milligan



Delaney Hershman, Paige Maki, 12
Nicholas Deering, 9 & Hannah Swim, 11

Junior Taitium Caggiano delivers an apple to Mrs. Sylvia Feicht for Teacher Appreciation Week. Photo by T. Adams



After the Student Council Convention, students gather around for a group shot at the statue outside the Indianapolis Convention Center. During the convention, members participated in leadership assemblies. Photo provided by R. Milligan



Junior Cassandra Shevock reads "Pirates Go to School" by Corinne Demas and John Maunders to children during the Student Council organi-

zation "Read To Succeed" on May 2. "I had a lot of fun doing different activities with the kids at Read to Succeed," said Shevock. Photo by C. Berns



[Council Involves Teens]

Action was the mantra of Student Council members who challenged their fellow students to "get up and get going." From Hawaiian Day to donuts, members shared smiles as they distributed happiness throughout the year.

At the end of October the Council orga-

nized their first Halloween Dance.

In December Council sponsored Winterfest, Spikedown, where teachers were allowed to compete against students.

In March, students took time out of their Spring Break to redecorate the Student Council room.

For Teacher Appreciation Week sophomore Hannah Dancer, and juniors Tatium Caggiano and Cari Knip handed out apples with inspirational sayings written on them. "It was a lot of fun. I loved all the thoughtful looks on the teachers faces when we gave them the apples," said Dancer. Council

also organized a Scavenger Hunt.

On May 2 some Council members hosted 'Read to Succeed' where members read and did different activities with 12 children.

Student Council also hosted regular movie nights once a month, organized a hat day, a can drive, Softball

Tournament, Dodgeball Tournament and Homecoming Week.

Officers included: Hannah Swim (President) Hannah Misch and Tatium Caggiano (Vice President) Tatiana Adams (Secretary) Madalyn Steinke (Treasurer) Allexus Thomason (Historian) Rebecca Loslo (Parliamentarian)



During a Student Council meeting, juniors Hannah Klemp, Alejandro Infante and Madison Babicka type a Random Facts quiz about teachers. Photo by T. Adams

Junior Anthony Zoppetti and sophomore Kyle Banaszak wrote a thank you note to Tysens for their donation to the Student Council Organization. Photo by T. Adams



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Mariah Stanley Row 8: Tatium Caggiano, Amelia Cobb, Jessica Young, Jillian Warner, Alexandra Brizek, Casey Hennings, Sarah Schaetzel, Brooke Meadows Row 9: Amanda DeKock, Sydney Purnea, Daniel Reyes, Katelin Lott, Brittany Stepp, Hunter Ahrendt



Kaylin Orsburn, 11
By: Ashley Warren

"What I enjoyed most about being on the high school bowling team was mainly being with my friends and

learning new things. I plan on playing again next year," commented junior Tyler Jaeger. *Photo by B. Braden*



Senior Dakota Partin participated in bowling all four years of his high school career. "My favorite part was getting into screaming competitions with the other teams," said Partin. *Photo by B. Braden*

Grabbing his ball off the rack, senior Kyle Noland eyes the lane. "The best part of bowling was watching my team members get strikes and seeing the smiles on their faces," said award winner Noland.



Being the only girl on the team, junior Samantha Greathouse said, "Bowling is very fun, and I most enjoyed mak-

ing new friends. I love everyone on the team, and I feel so honored that the boys let a girl bowl on their team".



[Knock Em Down]

Atmosphere surrounds the bowlers who found pleasure in the high polished floors of a bowling alley. "Every week I looked forward to going to my bowling meets. Everyone was so friendly in the bowling alley including the coaches, players from other teams

and parents," said James Johnson.

Coached by Buddy Partin and Bruce Postma, the bowlers traveled different places each week with only seven team members. One week the meet was at Hebron Lanes, the next was at Strike Zone in Rensselaer or Country Lanes in

Lowell. Although no perfect games were ever bowled, there were plenty of games that reached well over 200 points.

At the end of each season, all the team members and their parents from all the bowling teams in the area, met up at Country Lanes and had a

dinner banquet. Once everyone was done eating, the awards were passed out. One special award, the most spirited award, went out to senior Kyle Noland. "I loved cheering for my team at every match. It made me feel good," commented Noland. Another

award was won by senior Erik Hamstra for most valuable player. "When I received the MVP award was an amazing feeling. I was extremely pleased. I practiced really hard all year and getting that award makes me feel like it was all worth my time and effort," added Hamstra.



Row 1: Coach Buddy Partin, Samantha Greathouse, Tyler Jaeger, James Johnson Row 2: Erik Hamstra, Kyle Noland, Dakota Partin, Ryan Postma, and Coach Bruce Postma

After being on the team for all four years of high school, "I am going to miss the friendly competition of high school bowling and getting to meet new team bowlers on the other teams," said MVP Erik Hamstra.

There was a lot of good competition on the bowling team, "My best memory was defeating Hebron my sophomore year," said senior Ryan Postma. Also pictured: Dakota Partin.

Samantha Greathouse & Paige Myers, 11



Left: Some of the team members talk before they are ready to begin their game. "The environment is defiantly the thing that

I will miss the most about high school bowling. Gathering together with the other teams is always a joy," said senior James Johnson.

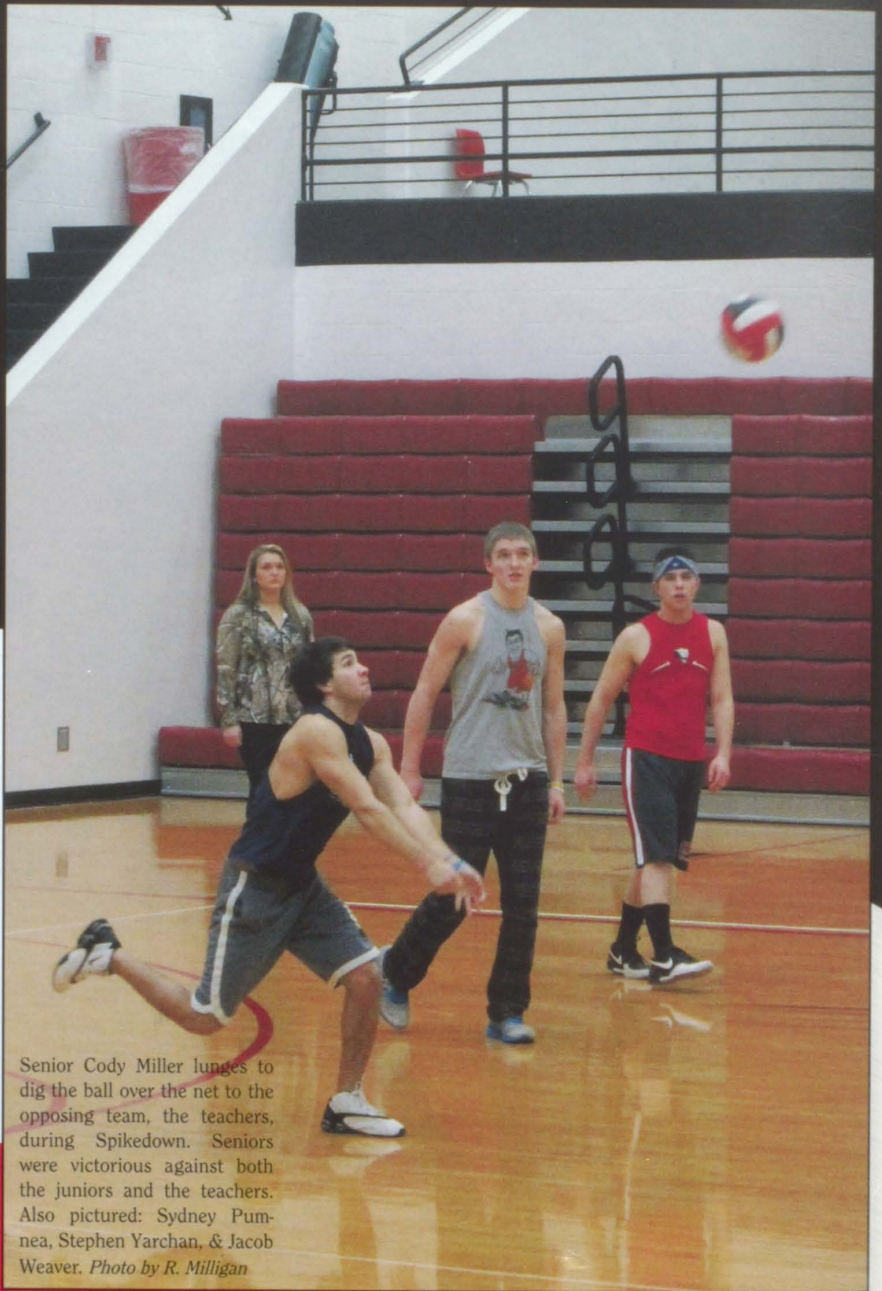
By: Brittany Braden

Senior Cutest Couple Brianna Niemiec and Tyler Birky pose after winning the title at the Valentine's Day Dance. "Winning Cutest Couple felt

great. Knowing that our class really supports the relationship that Tyler and I have was wonderful." commented Niemiec. *Photo by L. Urbano*

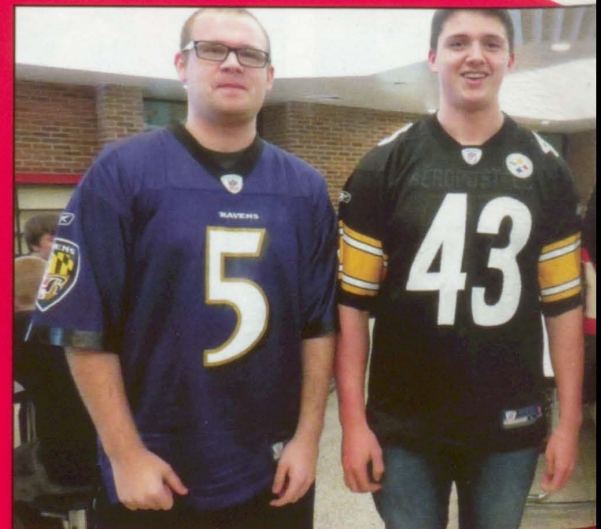


Adam Sayers, 10,
& Asslie Clemente, 11



Senior Cody Miller lunges to dig the ball over the net to the opposing team, the teachers, during Spikedown. Seniors were victorious against both the juniors and the teachers. Also pictured: Sydney Pumnea, Stephen Yarchan, & Jacob Weaver. *Photo by R. Milligan*

Freshmen Felicia Galusha and Abby Tinkel enjoy cornhole at Movie Night, sponsored by Student Council. At Movie Night, there were a wide range of activities including the cornhole, Twister, open gym, a showing of the movie "The Avengers", and food and refreshments. "Movie night was enjoyable for me because of the open gym. We all collected in the gym and played a variety of games, that kept the entertainment and fun going! I'm glad that I went," said Galusha. *Photo by M. Campbell*



[Winter Wonderland]

Radiating in neon and dressing to the nines were just two activities that filled the week of February 4-8.

Winter Wonderland's Winterfest Week, sponsored by Student Council, was full of fun and colorful dress up days. Dress up days included nerd, sports, neon, twin, and red. "I

loved nerd day! It's the perfect opportunity to look goofy and not get laughed at!" commented junior Katelin Lott.

Part of Winterfest, students and teachers enjoyed the fun of volleyball at Spikedown on February 12. Combined teams of sophomores and juniors faced the seniors,

and then the teachers. In the end, the seniors dominated both teams, and won Spikedown.

Students enjoyed a "Night in Wonderland" on February 16, provided by the dance team, "We came into the school around noon that day to decorate the doors, dance floor, and drink area. We

were proud of our decorations when it was finished," remarked junior Ryley Black.

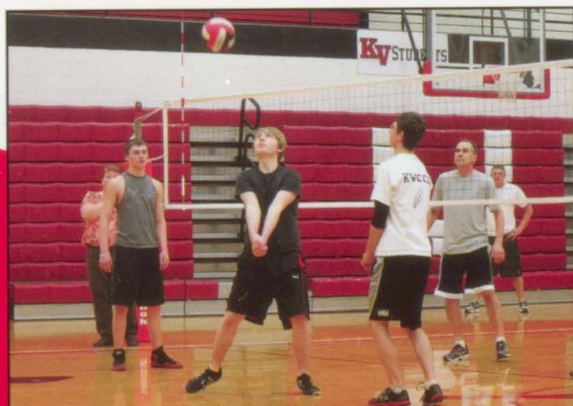
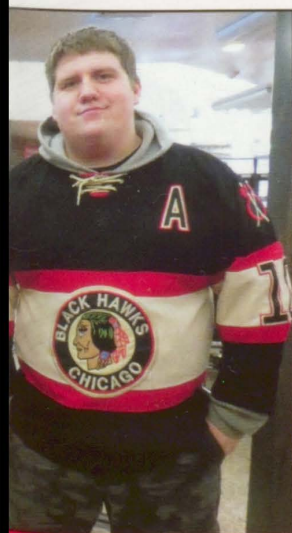
Winners of the cutest couple competition were freshmen Haley Wotherspoon and Logan Abbring, juniors Megan Davis and Steven Sholey, and seniors Brianna Niemiec and Tyler Birky.

"The best part about the dance was going with my friends, making funny faces into the cameras that they provided, and dancing the night away with the ones I care about. The night ended way too soon since I was having so much fun!" exclaimed sophomore Mia Stevens.



Senior Matthew Dancho dances with sophomores Corine Rauscher and Heather Koartge at the Valentine's Day Dance. Photo by L. Urbano

Teachers Mrs. Gloria Kreischer and Mrs. Hallie Chicki take Twin Day to a whole new level. "We thought it was a fun idea since I am a major Dr. Seuss fan," said Chicki. Photo by R. Milligan



Wearing their favorite team player's jersey, juniors Mathew Peters, Robert Aguillon, and Jarrett Barcelli pose for a picture on Sports Day. "I like to support my favorite player, QB Joe Flacco for the Baltimore Ravens," said Peters. Photo by R. Milligan

Sophomore Kyle Banaszak prepares to bump the volleyball over the net to the opposing side, the teachers. "Being a part of such an encouraging team really helped us during Spikedown, even when we were 20-2, our entire team still had a positive attitude," commented Banaszak. Also pictured: Shaon Wright, Jacob Stemper, & Mr. Herald Hostetler. Photo by R. Milligan



Heather Jaki, 10
By: Rachel Milligan

Decathlon members line up after being recognized for winning fourth place in the state competition that was held at Purdue University. Members included:

Tatium Caggiano, Jacob Scholz, James Johnson, Matthew Stanton Robert Fraticelli, and Ryan Beere. *Photo by K. McKinney*



Junior Madison Babicka shakes Principal Keeman Lobsiger's hand after receiving recognition for breaking her own record in 50-meter freestyle. *Photo by K. McKinney*



Leah Gouwens,
& Nina Freund, 9

Sprinting across the gym floor, sophomore Tyler Pritt drags sophomore Jenna Musall in a sheet for the relay race. Musall and Pritt rushed to the next station where their teammates wrapped each other using a whole roll of toilet paper. *Photo by C. Bailey*



[Pep-Session ends with a bang]

On February 26, students filled the gym to show their school spirit at the annual winter pep session. However, they didn't expect that many of the students would be recognized for their hard work and achievements.

Approximately 40 "Kougar Nation" T-shirts were given out to

students who stood out in the school. This included all of the award-winning winter athletes, Academic Decathlon members, choir, band, and the winners of the Regional Science Fair.

"It was such an honor to be recognized for all my hard work," said junior Robert Fraticelli who received two

awards, one for being on the Decathlon Team and another for band.

Pep session was put on by the cheerleaders and Mr. Jeff Martin. Other entertainment included dance team and cheerleaders performing separate dances to keep the students fired up for the next upcoming event.

"I performed a dance

before but never in front of the entire school, it was a new and exciting experience for me," said freshman dancer Kiley Ferris.

At the end of the pep rally, representatives from each grade competed in a relay race where they had to drag their teammate across the gym floor in a

sheet, wrap them using a whole roll of toilet paper, and exchanging shirts, and racing to be the first team to make a basket after spinning around 10 times. Juniors were the winning team that got to shoot off the confetti cannon to end the pep session with a bang!



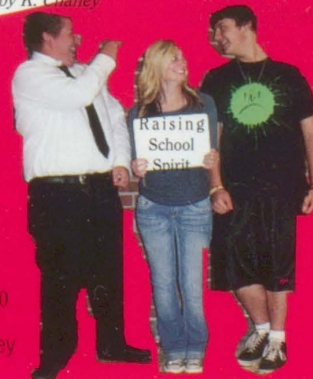
Seniors watch their last high school pep session take place. Photo by K. McKinney

Junior Varisty and Varsity cheerleaders come together to perform a dance routine. Photo by C. Bailey



Senior Hannah McDaniel records the pep session for Mr. Jeff Martin's Radio/TV Broadcasting class. Photo by C. Bailey

Dance Team members freshman Kiley Ferris and junior Ryley Black perform along with nine other teammates. The team started the pep session with a one and a half minute kick routine. Photo by K. Chaney



Tyler Pritt, Savannah Dugan & Trace Garcia, 10

By: Kelsie Chaney

Bursting with pride are the winners from the IH-SPA State Harvey award competition. Junior: Zachary Wright for Advertising,

Seniors Alyssa Matson for Sports Section and Miranda Retzlaff for Academics, Organization, and Sports photo. Photo by S. Hurst

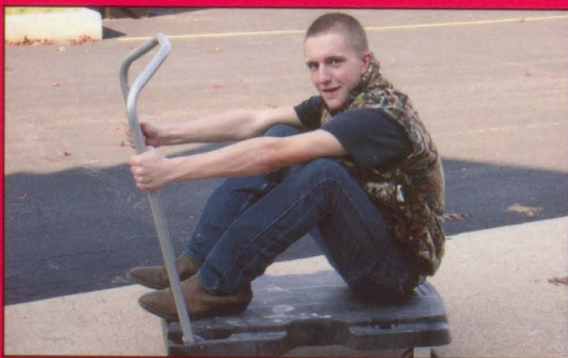


Cody Bailey, 12, & Kelsie Chaney, 10

Sorting and organizing Little Caesars pizza kits, junior Tatiana Adams and senior Cody Bailey review the orders to make sure they are correct with freshman Sara Dykstra and senior Adanna Oney. Photo by A. Matson



Joking around during pizza sale distribution, junior Zachary Wright scoots around on the moving cart. Wright was the only Ads Editor. He was also awarded second place at the State Convention for his advertisements. "Getting second place at the State Convention for my advertisement designs was absolutely superb!" exclaimed Wright. Photo by A. Matson



Yearbook adviser Mrs. Kathy McKinney receives her Christmas gifts at the party. She has been teaching yearbook for 38 years. "Every day begins with a smile because publications are my opening classes. That joy in-

creased seven fold when Harvey awards which are the Pulitzer or Oscars of Indiana journalism were posted, and KV brought home five awards," said McKinney. Photo by A. Matson



[Yearbook Saves Memories]

Challenges included deadlines, pictures, captions, or copy that were under the leadership of senior co-editors Alyssa Matson, Shelby Hurst, and advisor Kathy McKinney as well as a team of "Yerds" who came together to set a theme of *The 180 Day Challenge*. "This class required a lot of dedication and hard work. There was never a later in yearbook," said co-editor

Shelby Hurst.

As second semester rolled in, adjustments had to be made for the remaining 14 staff members who had to step up and research the additional spreads. In spite of the shifts in assignments, "Yerds" completed spreads on time which saved the book a lot of money.

At the state convention, held at Franklin College in October, ju-

nior Zachary Wright was awarded second place for advertisements. Senior Miranda Retzlaff won Honorable Mention for Academics and Organization, as well as third place for a sports picture. Senior, and former sports editor, Matson won a first place Harvey Award for all around sports. "Winning a Harvey is like winning a Pulitzer or Oscar," said McKinney.

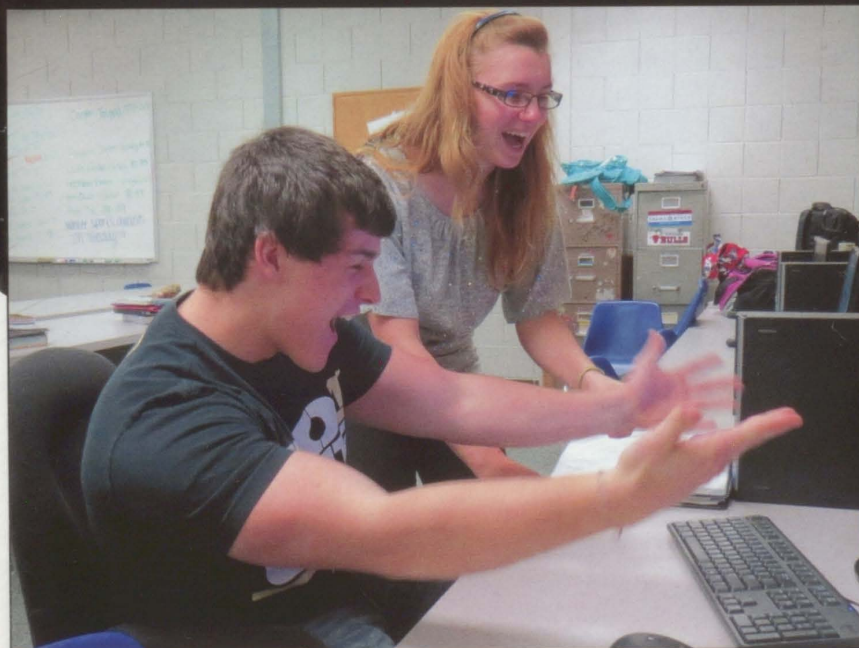
Starting with a new system and only seven returning old staff members, the beginning of the year had a slow start. Once all the new staffers were trained, the *180 Day Challenge* began to come together as one project.

Selling pizza kits and Terri Lynn Candy to raise money to fund the yearbook was a requirement. Flowers were also sold the week of Valen-

tine's Day to earn more money to fund the \$33,000 book.

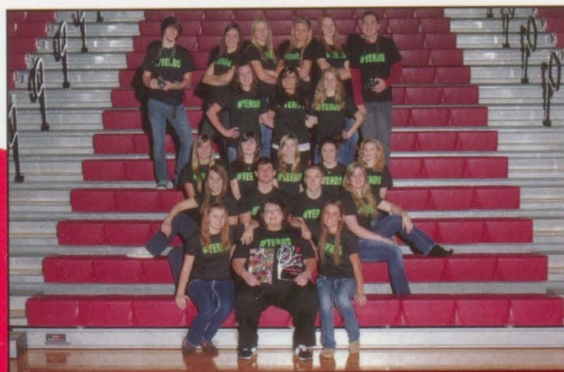
With no registration, yearbook sales went on-line for the student body to purchase.

Editors designed and ordered t-shirts for the staffers that featured the word "Yerd," that represented the yearbook staff working together and becoming a family. The black shirt had neon lettering.



Co-editor Shelby Hurst checks Michael Roth's spread. Corrections were a necessity since perfection was expected from the buying public. Photo by A. Matson

At the party that was held after the first deadline, Ashley Warren eats her food. "Having a party rewards us for all our hard work," commented Warren. Photo by A. Matson



Row 1: Shelby Hurst, Mrs. Kathy McKinney, Alyssa Matson Row 2: Miranda Retzlaff, Michael Roth, Zachary Wright, Ashley Warren Row 3: Tatiana Adams, Caitlyn Wallace, Gracie Setlak, Taylor Hachlica, Patience Baggerly Row 4: Emilie Bassett, Kaylee Nelson, Rachel Milligan Row 5: Cody Bailey, Adanna Oney, Brittany Braden, Sara Dykstra, Kelsie Chaney, Kyle Noland

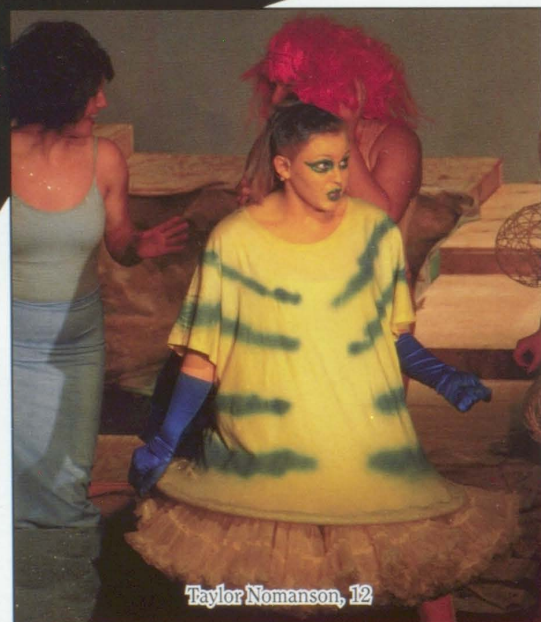
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Caitlyn Wallace, 11

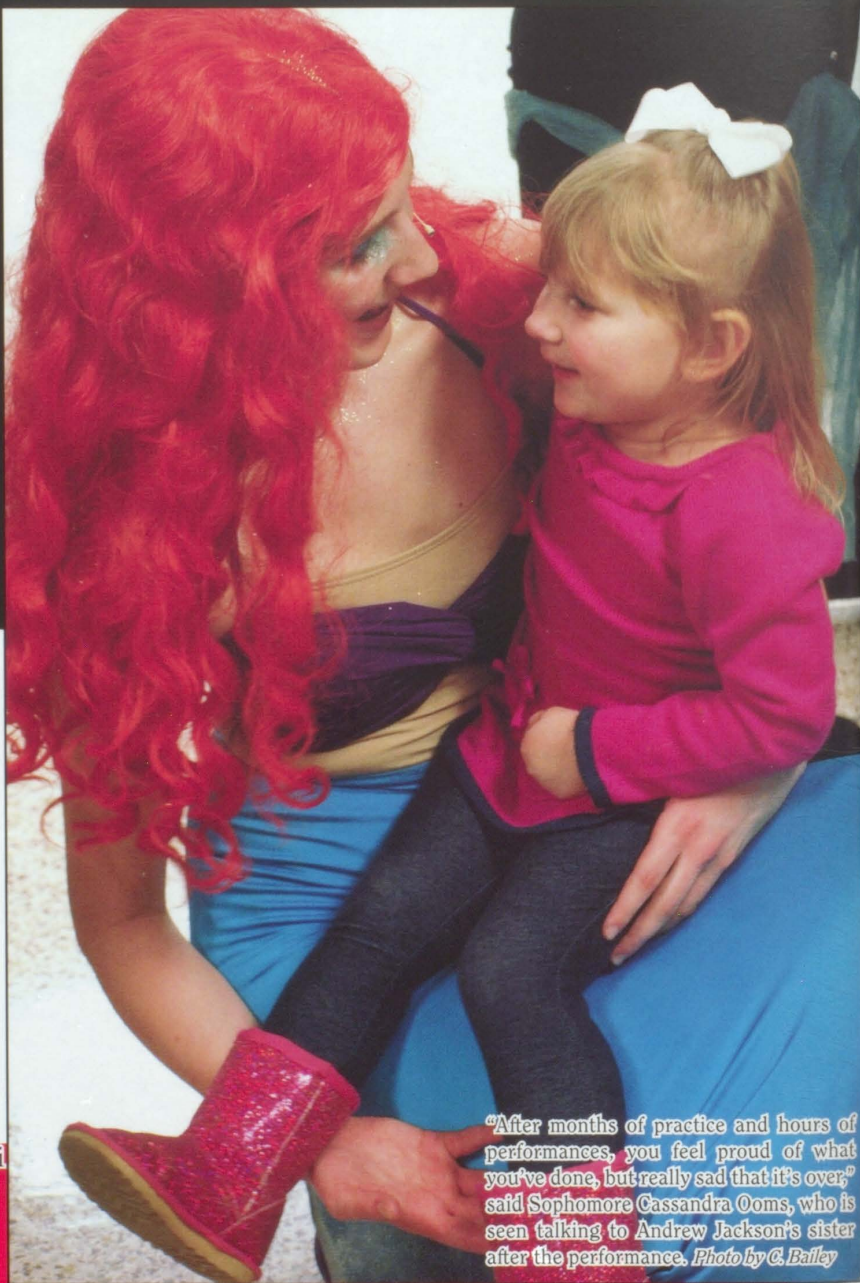


Sophomores Lindsay Holley and Amanda Grevenstuk apply the stage make-up on the fish. "I loved spending time with the actors and actresses. It was like spending time with a

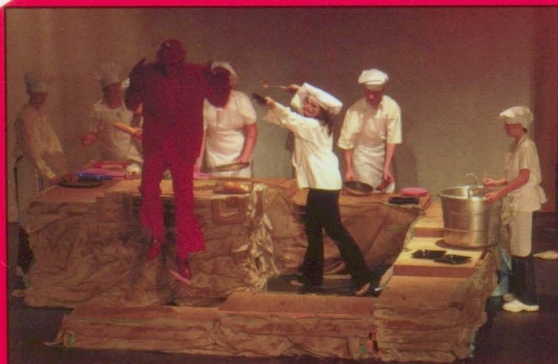
famous person! On top of that, I was creating their character, which is kinda really great. It's something that I can brag about," said Holley. *Photo by C. Bailey*



Taylor Nomanson, 12



"After months of practice and hours of performances, you feel proud of what you've done, but really sad that it's over," said Sophomore Cassandra Ooms, who is seen talking to Andrew Jackson's sister after the performance. *Photo by C. Bailey*



Senior Nicole Wisneski, Chef Louis, chases Senior Daniel Hinchy, Sebastian, during the musical number, "Les Poissons". "The hardest part of doing that

scene was keeping all the middle schoolers on task. It was hard for them to understand that we were in 'show mode'," said Wisneski. *Photo by C. Bailey*



["The Little Mermaid" makes a splash]

Sophomore Cassie Ooms made a splash when she took the lead in the musical rendition of "The Little Mermaid". Ooms was a smart casting choice for the role and even as an underclassman took control of the stage with confidence and enthusiasm.

All of the actors and actresses prepared themselves for months, by memoriz-

ing their lines, syncing up their dance numbers, and learning to hit the right notes.

This all came to fruition on the opening weekend, which started on Thursday with a performance for the staff. On Friday, the auditorium was open to a full audience with one show, and on Saturday the cast put on two shows in one night. Each one of the nights

had a sold out crowd with enormous praise.

"I love being able to do the make-up for the cast. There are a lot of people that you have to get to before the play, so it can feel rushed, but I still really enjoyed the experience," said sophomore and make-up artist, Amanda Grevenstuk.

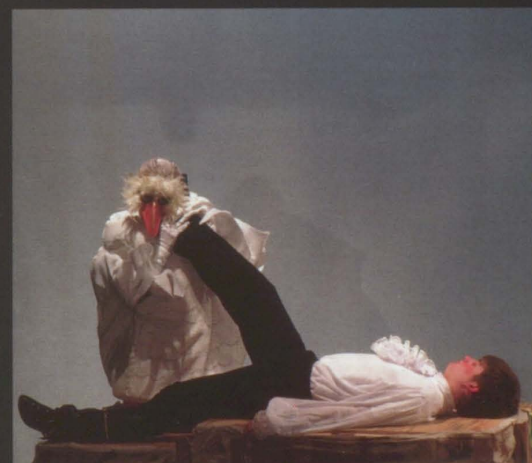
Being backstage for a few of the shows really brought to light how

much work went into the production. There was always a sense of excitement in the air, with the cast running in and out of the dressing rooms, the crew moving around to reset the stage, and the make-up artists doing touch ups in between the various ques.

Senior Daniel Hinchy, along with the many other star seniors who performed, had their

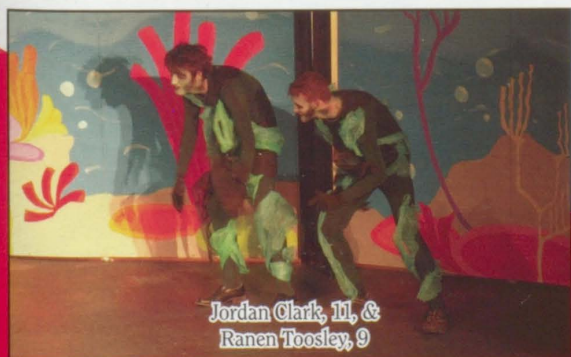
last run with theater during this musical performance.

Hinchy, who played the loyal crustacean Sebastian, said this about his first and last high school theater experience, "Being on stage is terrifying, but that's the fun of it. Taking control of your fear and turning it into the best performance of your life is what makes it worthwhile."



Left Senior Lillian Luttringer, Ursula, traps sophomore Cassandra Ooms, Ariel, in her grasp. "Drama means everything to me. It's my life," explained Luttringer. Photo by C. Bailey

Junior Toni Stoermann, Scuttle, checks for Eric Vorst, Prince Eric's, heartbeat. "It was fun to act with the other actors and try to hit all the right, wrong notes while singing," said Stoermann. Photo by C. Bailey



Jordan Clark, 11, & Ranen Toosley, 9

Sea Chorus and many of the sea creatures perform "Under The Sea". "I've always enjoyed singing and getting to have a chance to sing has been spec-

tacular. I always have loved playing my instrument, but there is something about singing that is just amazing," said senior Nina Maze. Photo by C. Bailey

Cast
 Ariel..... Cassandra Ooms
 Flounder..... Taylor Nomanson
 Scuttle..... Toni Stoermann
 Sebastian..... Daniel Hinchy
 Ursula..... Lillian Luttringer
 Flotsam..... Ranen Toosley
 Jetsam..... Jordan Clark
 Prince Eric..... Eric Vorst
 Grimsby..... Nicholas Skrobui
 King Triton..... Kyle Noland
 Aquata..... Renee' Jones
 Andrina..... Mirka Roman
 Arista..... Annelise Phillips
 Atina..... Sarah Schaezeli
 Adella..... Candice Eck
 Allana..... Kayla Gustafson
 Carlotta..... Haylie Wheeler
 Chef Louis..... Nichole Wisneski
 Sea Chorus.....
 Caitlyn Wallace, Julianna Phelps, Haylie Wheeler, Vanessa Donovan, Asslie Clemente, Allie Shoemaker, Sarah Kerkes,

Nina Maze, Shelby Carrol, Brooke Dills
 Sailors/Chefs.....
 Hunter DeYoung, Garret Ooms, Vivian Gregory, Jared Ooms, Vanessa Donovan, Michelle Kent
 Princesses.....
 Elyssa Novakowski, Breanna Stahl, Madeline Nomanson, Amanda Lundsford, Allie Shoemaker, Audrey DeYoung
 Director..... Jill Steiner
 Assist. Director..... Amy Stepanek
 Product Assist..... Lillian Luttringer
 Stage Manager..... Casey Voigt
 Costumes..... Nicole Wisneski
 Light Deck..... Trevor Shelhart
 Sound Manager..... Bradley Ast
 House Manager..... Taylor Nomanson
 Crew.....
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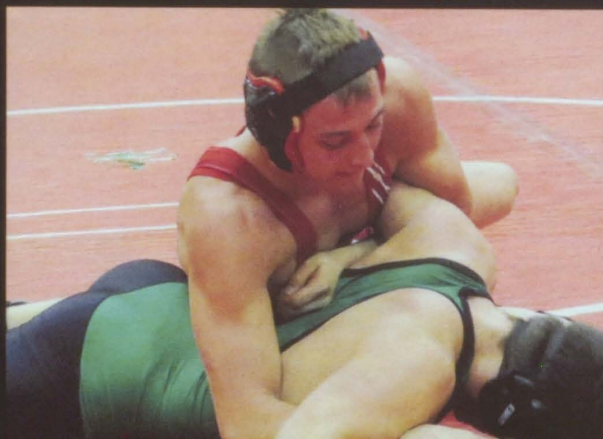
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Cassandra Ooms, 10

By: Cody Bailey

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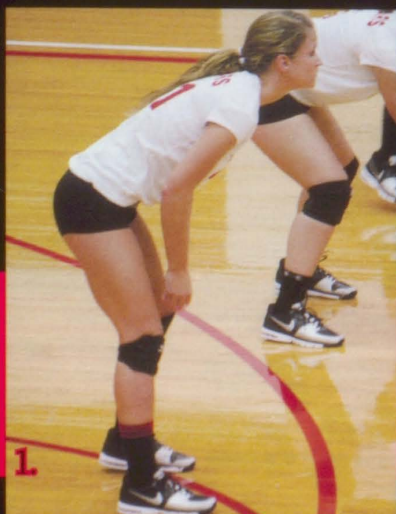
Senior Beau Tauber wrestles his opponent from Benton Central. Tauber advanced to Semi-State in the 152 pound weight class. "Making it to Semi-State was a huge accomplishment. Watching your weight and all of Coach Tom Dellahan's practices make wrestling one of the hardest sports to compete in. It was a great feeling to make it to Semi-State in my final season of wrestling," said Tauber. *Photo by T. Adams*



At the Plymouth tournament, junior Tyler Niehoff, kicks the ball down field as senior Jacob Swartz watches carefully from the goal. Niehoff was a key player on the varsity team. "Starting almost every game as a junior was a great feeling. We had a great season, and I'm really going to miss playing on the field with the seniors," added Niehoff who played defender. *Photo by R. Milligan*



Junior Lauren Stokes dives for the ball against county rival Rensselaer. Lady Kougars proceeded to beat the Bombers during the regular season, but lost by a 2-point margin in the Sectional round. "Beating Rensselaer one out of the two times was a great feeling. We had a fantastic season, and with no seniors on the team, it helped us build a great chemistry with each other," said Stokes. *Photo by C. Bailey*



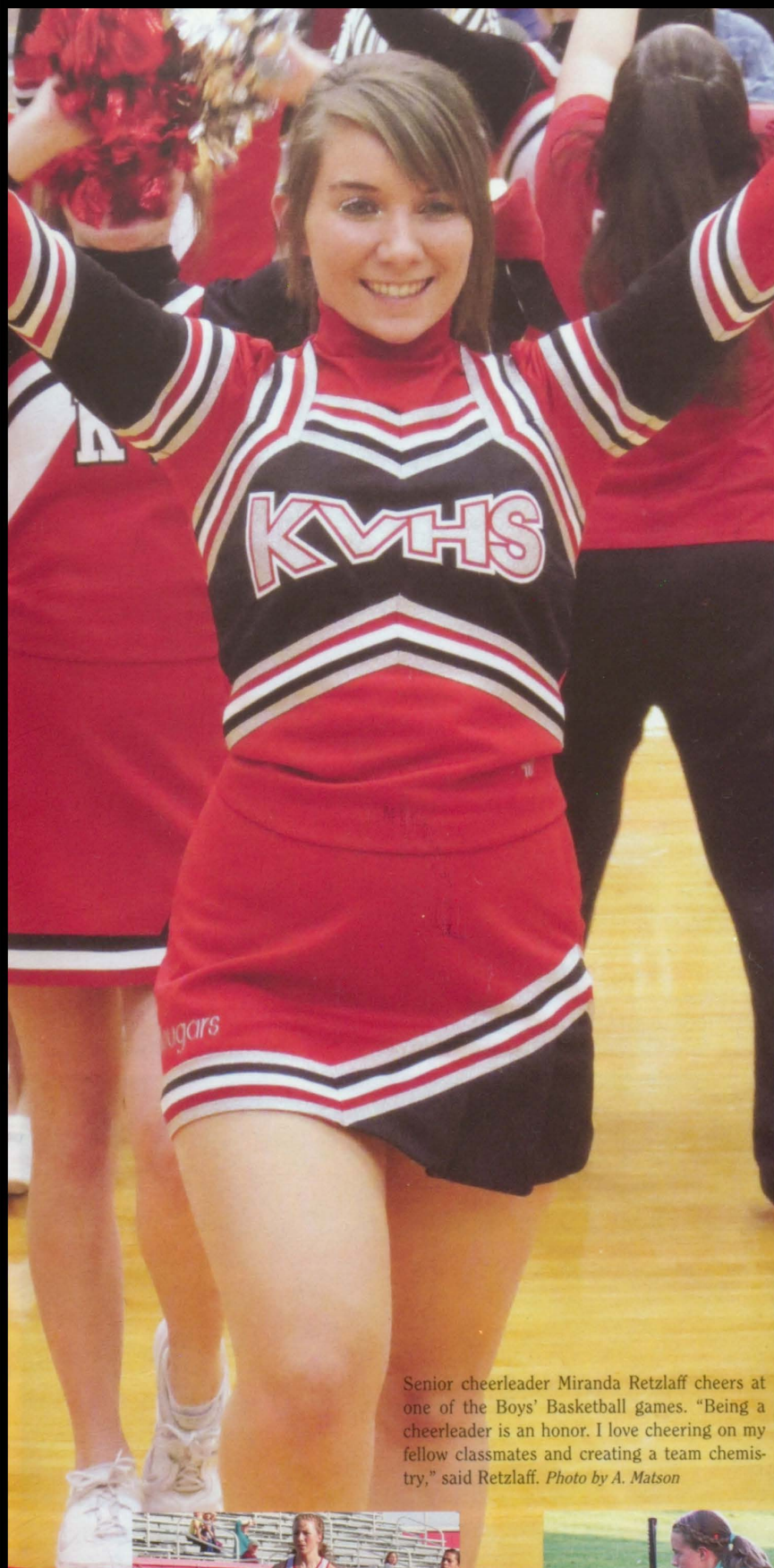
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Senior cheerleader Miranda Retzlaff cheers at one of the Boys' Basketball games. "Being a cheerleader is an honor. I love cheering on my fellow classmates and creating a team chemistry," said Retzlaff. *Photo by A. Matson*



Hayley Hoffman, 12

1. "It felt great to have such an outstanding season. Playing my best and making as few mistakes as possible was what I tried to focus mostly on throughout volleyball," said junior Gabrielle Martin. Martin broke many records including most career digs (851). *Photo by A. Matson*

2. Breaking his own 100 Meter Breast Stroke record, senior captain Frank Lapota capitalized on his record breaking season with a fifth place finish at Sectionals. "It was an awesome feeling to break a record, especially since the record was previously owned by me because it reassures me that I am in fact improving," said Lapota. *Photo by S. Dykstra*

3. Matthew Myers, junior, returns to baseball for his third consecutive season. Myers was a three sport athlete, who achieved Varsity letters in baseball, football, and basketball. Myers also received All Conference Honorable Mention for football and First Team All Conference for basketball. *Photo by M. Retzlaff*

4. Looking to return to the State finals for two consecutive years in track, Leanna Mulloy, junior, practiced year round to improve her sprinting skills. "Now that I know what it takes to get to State, I need to figure out what it takes to win it," said Mulloy. *Photo by S. Hurst*

5. Tara Beere, sophomore, was Girls' Golf's number one. "It felt great to be the top person on the team. To be number one you have to shoot the best on your team," said Beere. *Photo by A. Matson*

6. Senior running back Tyler Birky helped lead the football team to a Conference Championship. "Winning Conference my last year of football was a great feeling. Having record breaking stats and an 8-2 record just added to the outstanding season," commented Birky. *Photo by T. Sparks*



[Teamwork]



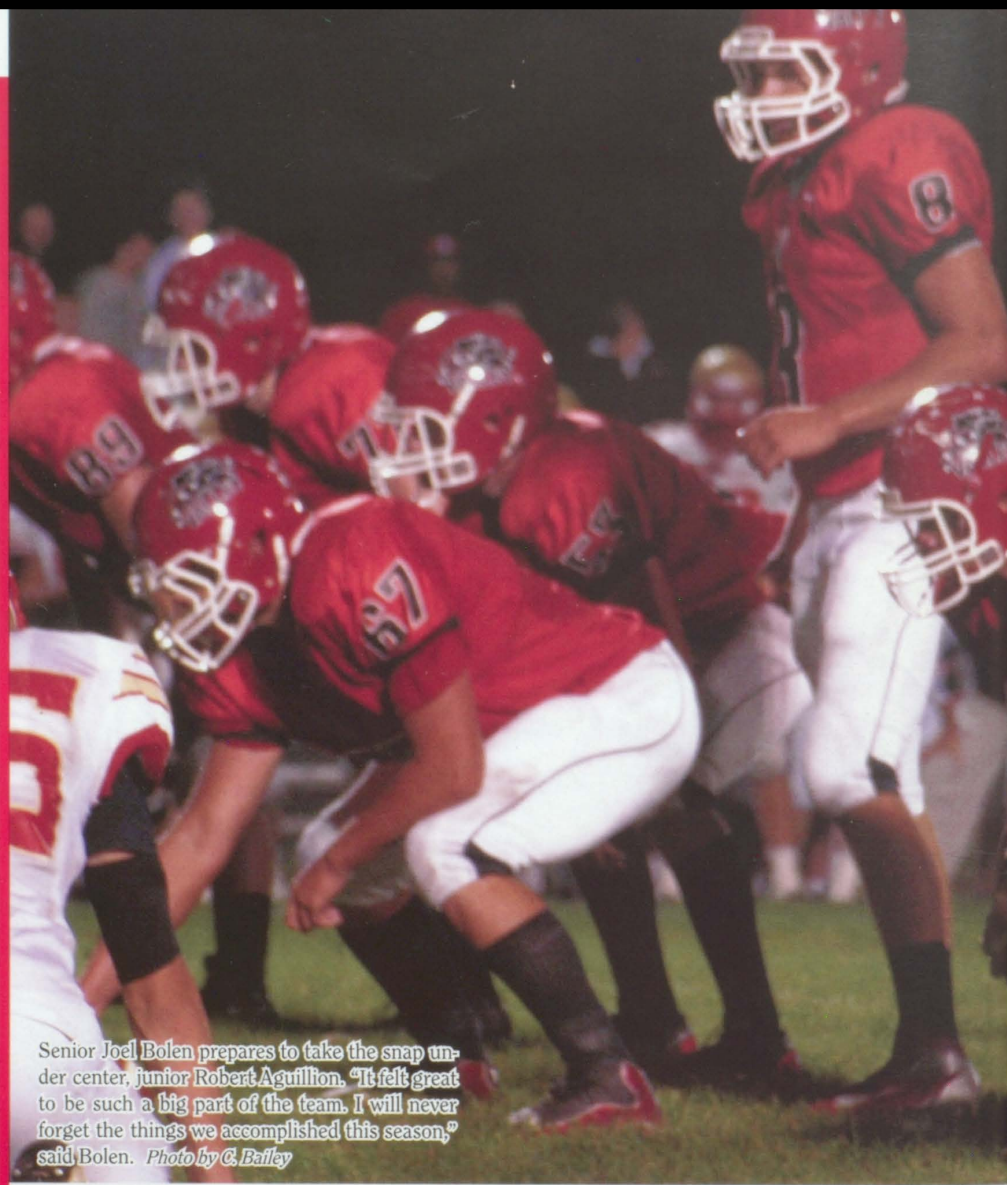
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Freshmen Row 1: Alton Curry, Nicholas Valone, Tyler Kinney, Cody Gronkiewicz, Anthony Aguillion Row 2: Jerome Wyrobek, Oscar Gutierrez, Chad Witt, Jonathan Stepp, David Williams Row 3: Nathan Gurrero, Joseph Steinke, Darrick Webster, Joseph Partin, James Elliot, Kevin Fisher Row 4: Coach John Gray, Ast. Coach Aaron Mullinax



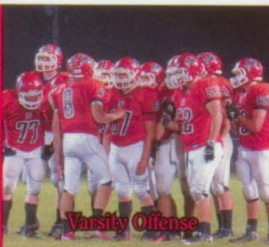
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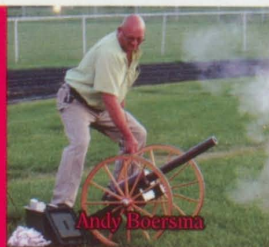
Senior Joel Bolen prepares to take the snap under center, junior Robert Aguillion. "It felt great to be such a big part of the team. I will never forget the things we accomplished this season," said Bolen. Photo by C. Bailey



Cracker Barrel Victory



Varsity Offense



Andy Boersma



Student Section

[Football finishes 8-2]

With 10 out of 11 Varsity starters returning and numerous hours of weight lifting and plyometrics, football had a record breaking 8-2 season. With a win over the Bombers on home turf, the Cracker Barrel was their's again. Going into the Wheeler game fired up from the previous contest, Kougars mauled the Bearcats by 54 points. After Wheeler was the real contest, could the Kougars compete in the NCC?

Lowell game was to be played at 'The Inferno' where the "Milk Can" which had never been in Kougar possession was on the line. "It felt amazing to bring home the Milk Can and the Barrel in the same season," said senior Darrell Holme.

Hobart and Griffith were always great competitors, but the boys continued the winning streak by beating Hobart by 6 and Griffith for the first time in history by 21 points.

After beating North Judson, Kougars

went into Homecoming with a first time ever 6-0 record. Although Andean, an NCC powerhouse, ended the boys winning streak, they weren't done yet.

After the loss, Kougars were ready for redemption which they earned with a huge win over Highland. Boys were back on track and ready for Munster which would guarantee them a Conference Championship. Beating Munster 31-21 and winning an NCC Championship for the first time in history, the football team did not disappoint the fans.

Record breaking season ended with a loss to Hobart in Sectionals. "It was heartbreaking to see my football career come to an end. We had an outstanding season and broke a lot of records. I will never forget any of my teammates, my brothers," said senior Tyler Birky who finished the season with 24 touchdowns and First Team All Area-Offense!

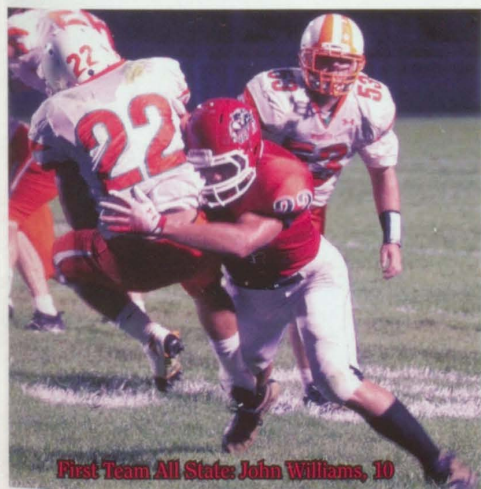
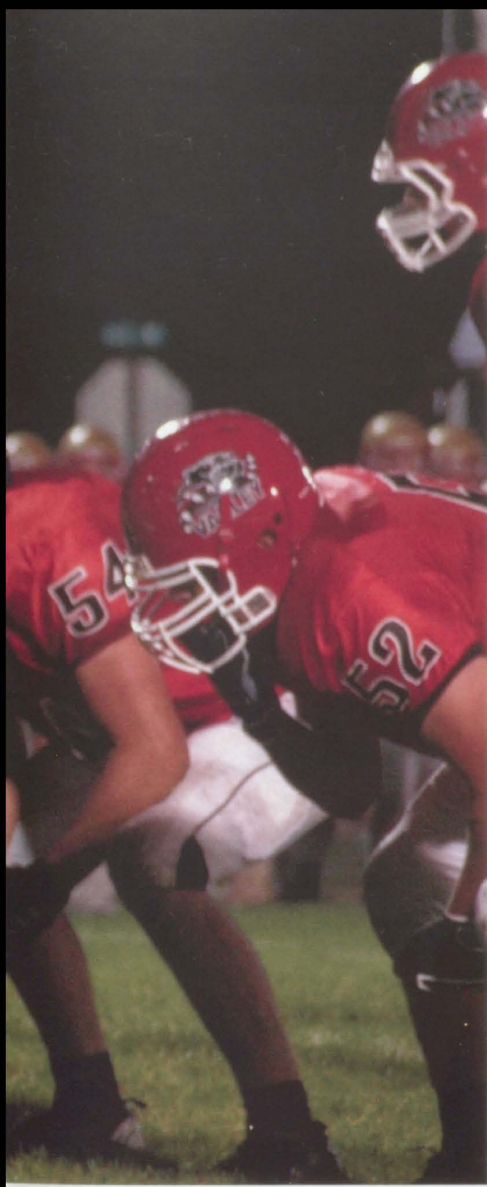
Awards

Most Valuable Defensive Back: Mark Lukacek
Most Valuable Linebacker: John Williams
Most Valuable Defensive Line: John Morrison
Most Valuable Offensive Line: Matthew Berdine
Most Valuable Running Back: Joel Bolen
Most Valuable Wide Receiver: Matthew Myers
Most Improved Player: Michael Drinski
Scout Team Player of the Year: Kelsey Jones
Varsity Scott Patrick Memorial: Zachary Randall
Junior Varsity Scott Patrick Memorial: Austin Brewster
Freshman Scott Patrick Memorial: Cody Gronkiewicz
Leadership: Timothy Schoonveld
Most Valuable Player: Tyler Birky
All Conference HM: Robert Aguillion, Matthew Berdine, John Morrison, Matthew Myers.

Varsity Scoreboard

KV 49 Rensselaer 39
KV 60 Wheeler 6
KV 17 Lowell 7
KV 27 Hobart 21
KV 35 Griffith 14
KV 49 North Judson 18
KV 13 Andean 28
KV 42 Highland 7
KV 31 Munster 21
KV 0 Hobart 38
Season Record 8-2

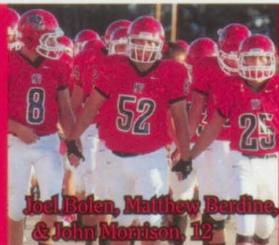
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First Team All State: John Williams, 10



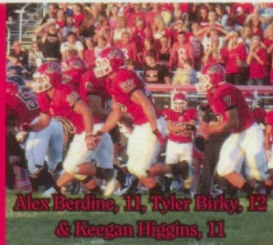
Tyler Birky, 12



Joel Bolen, Matthew Berdine, & John Morrison, 12



Barrel the Horse



Alex Berdine, 11, Tyler Birky, 12 & Keegan Higgins, 11

[Endurance]



Girls Row 1: Kaylin Orsburn, Rachel Krupa, Allison Rockley, Katelin Lott Row 2: Coach Lane Lewallen, Brittany Stepp, Joli Jungels, Michelle Kent, Coach Tim Adams



Boys Row 1: Michael Nava, Justin Edwards, Bryce Gawronski, Andrew Schultheis Row 2: Coach Lane Lewallen, Isaac Tillema, Jacob Stemper, Brandon Hazlett, Coach Tim Adams



Brittany Stepp, 11



Allison Rockley, 11



Freshman Isaac Tillema is followed close behind by his teammate, junior Robert Svitek, during their home tri-meet against Hobart and Griffith. "Being on a small team with such a long legacy makes me feel like an underdog. Because of that, I feel like I need to step up and show other runners what I can do," said Tillema. Photo by C. Bailey

[XC Runners Step Up To Challenge]

Running miles and miles may not sound like fun to most people, but a dedicated few believed it was one of the best disciplines that one could do.

Proving that running could be fun, Michelle Kent took home the individual title for Sectionals with the time of 19:51.99. At Regionals, she placed 7th with an improved time of 19:36.3 and finished 22nd out of 149 runners at Semi-State in 19:46.9. "I felt accomplished. Semi-State was one of my biggest goals for this season. I felt like all of the summer miles paid off," said Kent.

With a season best of 24:13, Joli Jungels was selected as a Region Sports/IUN Academic All-Star and was honored on a billboard on Hwy 30. This was a very prestigious honor for Jungles who was ranked 1st in her class and was also

a star hurdler/jumper for the Track and Field team in the Spring.

During the girls' season there was



Bryce Gawronski, 10

much success. Keeping their team close knit, juniors Allison Rockley, Brittany Stepp, and Kaylin Orsburn placed 4th, 5th, and 6th in Sectionals, and Rachel Krupa placed 35th overall, which gave them the Sectional Title.

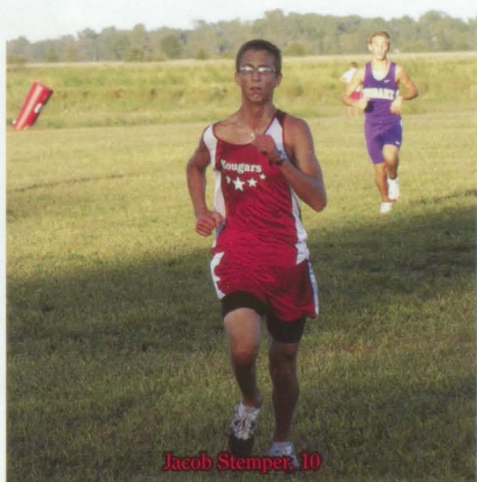
"What I enjoyed most about cross country was not winning races, but the people I ran with. My team will always be the one aspect I will remember and love about this sport," said senior Rachel Krupa.

Boys also had a good season. One of the star runners was sophomore Bryce Gawronski who ran a 17:32.0 and placed 29th in the Highland meet. "To be honest, I run because I have to run. There was a point in time where I considered running to be the worst thing in the world believe it or not, but after awhile it grew on me. I run because it has become a part of me," sophomore Bryce Gawronski explained.

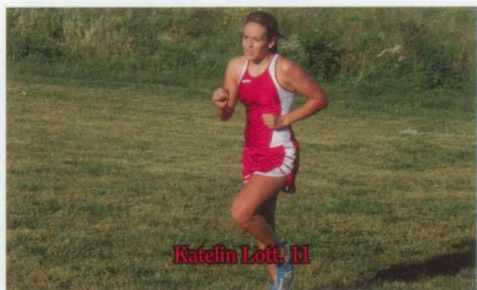
At Sectionals, Bryce was the lead for the team at 6th, followed by Mike Nava in 7th, and Brandon Hazlett right behind both of them at 8th.



Michelle Kent, 10



Jacob Stemper, 10



Katelin Lott, 11

Varsity Awards

Boys:

Most Valuable: Brandon Hazlett
Rookie Of The Year: Michael Nava
Most Improved: Bryce Gawronski

Girls:

Most Valuable: Michelle Kent
Most Improved: Rachel Krupa
Co-Unsung Hero: Allison Rockley
Co-Unsung Hero: Brittany Stepp

Varsity Scoreboard

Girls:

2nd North White
Invite
2nd McCutcheon
Invite
3rd NCC Meet
4th Highland Invite
Team IHSAA Regional Qualifiers
IHSAA Sectional

Boys:

2nd North White
Invite
2nd McCutcheon
Invite
6th NCC meet
2nd IHSAA
Sectional
Team IHSAA Regional Qualifiers

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Brandon Hazlett, 12



Joli Jungels, 11



Andrew Schulteis, 11



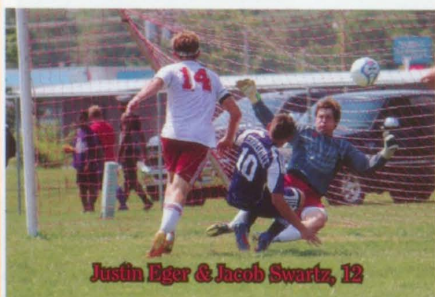
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Varsity: Row 1: Jacob Swartz Row 2: Luis Cazares, Rhenz Almira, William Misch, Daniel Reyes Row 3: Jose Ramos, Andrew Ribicki, Tyler Montgomery, Mathew Peters, Michael Vega, James Stemper, Justin Eger, James Marich Row 4: Coach Jason VanderWoude, Cody Shindle, Jacob Smith, Tyler Niehoff, Jose Gomez, Gage Abbring, Derick Tesh, Coach Caleb Tillema



JV: Row 1: Michael Witvoet Row 2: Joshua Weaver, Jordan Likens, Jared Stemper Row 3: Joshua Shearer, Cole Ribicki, Hunter Ahrendt, Jeremy Shearer, Jordan Powell, Luke Quillen Row 4: Clay Williams, Luke Gouwens, Lucas Vilalpando, Ethan Shindle, Austin Morrison, Stephen Sholey, Coach Caleb Tillema



Justin Eger & Jacob Swartz, 12



Jose Ramos, 10



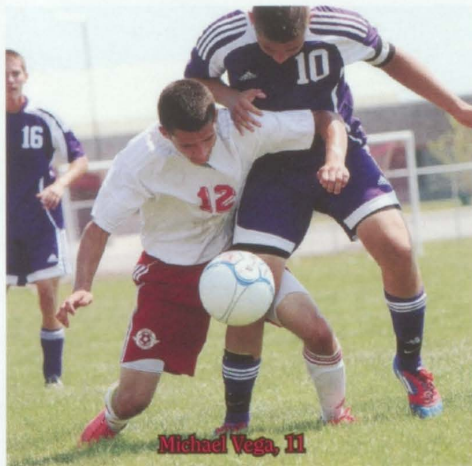
Fighting with the opposing team, senior James Marich stretches around a player to win the ball and break away to score. "What gets me pumped up before a game would be talking to my teammates about the game plan. It's important for all of us to be on the same page. Otherwise, we would be a mess without any chance." Photo by C. Bailey

[Fighting for Victory]

Starting out the season with a victory over Rensselaer, boys' soccer team Co-captains Luis Cazares and Justin Eger lead the practices every day and trained with their teammates in order to become a synchronized unit. "As a team we needed to set our goals high and improve from there. So that's what we did, but sometimes even your best is not good enough. So, you just have to keep working harder," commented senior Andrew Ribicki after the team's first loss against Munster.

Ribicki received a concussion midway through the season and was not able to play. He sat the bench a few games along with fellow senior, Gage Abbring, who was also injured with a torn ACL. "With it being my last season to play soccer at the high school level, not being able to play was the toughest part," added Abbring. Juniors Mathew Peters and Tyler Montgomery also received concussions and had to

sit out for a few games. After winning their first Sectional game against Lowell, fans worried how injuries might hamper the



Michael Vega, 11

turn around soccer players had planned. Teammates were pumped up for the game against rival team, Crown Point.

For some, it was a bittersweet moment,

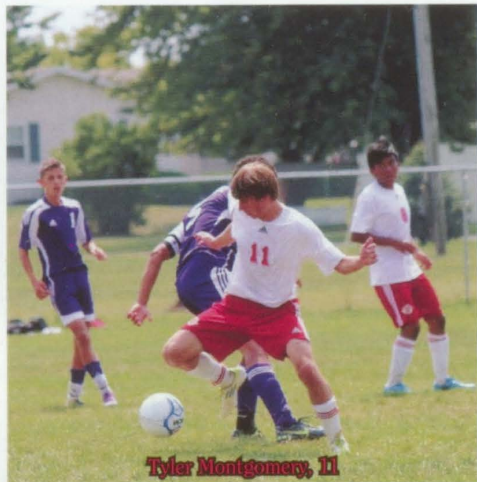
as it was not only the first time some players had gone to Sectionals and advanced to the next round, but it was also the last game the seniors played.

Playing his first year on the team, Joshua Shearer was picked to play on the Sectional team, "Even though we lost the championship game against Crown Point, it still felt amazing to get picked to play Sectionals. I felt like my hard work really paid off."

Cazares and Jacob Swartz were the only two seniors who had been on Varsity throughout their high school career and were both ranked in Conference. Cazares was ranked 1st in Conference with Swartz ranked 2nd. "It's a great accomplishment to get ranked 1st in Conference because there was a lot of talent out there, and it's a big deal. It required the use of a lot of dedication, practice, and hard work. I feel like it really paid off," added Cazares who was also chosen as MVP for his team.



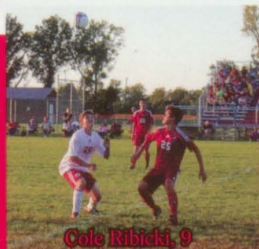
Jacob Swartz, 12



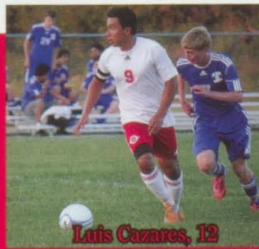
Tyler Montgomery, 11



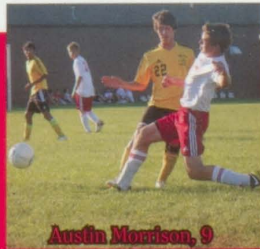
Ethan Shindle, 10



Cole Ribicki, 9



Luis Cazares, 12



Austin Morrison, 9

Awards

Varsity MVP: Luis Cazares
 Varsity Mr. Defense: Justin Eger
 Varsity Mr. Offense: Tyler Montgomery
 Varsity Most Dedicated: Andrew Ribicki
 Varsity Most Improved: William Misch
 JV MVP: Lucas Villalpando
 JV Mr. Defense: Michael Witvoet
 JV Mr. Offense: Joshua Shearer
 JV Most Dedicated: Luke Quillen
 JV Most Improved: Jordan Powell

Varsity Scoreboard

KV 6 Rensselaer 0	KV 9 Morgan Twp 0
KV 3 Boone Grove 2	KV 0 Griffith 1
KV 3 Wheeler 1	KV 3 Michigan City 4
KV 1 Munster 3	KV 0 Andean 1
KV 2 Merrillville 1	KV 1 Cov. Christian 2
KV 2 Hobart 1	KV 4 Lowell 1
KV 10 Winamac 0	KV 5 Hanover 1
KV 5 South Bend 0	KV 8 Lowell 3
KV 2 Logansport 4	KV 3 Crown Point 7
KV 2 Highland 5	Season Record: 11-8

By Rachel Milligan
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[Determined]



Varsity Team: Mackenzie DeMars, Rikki Young, Jennifer Sobierajski, Sophia Hufnagel, Lauren VanderWall, Alyssa Cox, Hayley Hoffman, Stephanie Scally, Kara Gouwens, Abby Tinkle, and Haleigh Wenglarz hold pinkies during the National Anthem before their game against the number one team in the State, West Lafayette Harrison. "I felt like we were really prepared against Harrison. We came out playing tough and finished the game tough. The scoreboard didn't show how well we played against them," commented senior Hayley Hoffman. *Photo by A. Matson*



"My biggest accomplishment was making it through a full season without being injured. Being on Varsity with my little sister Haley was my best memory because I was able to spend more time with her and be that role model for her," said junior Alyssa Cox. Cox finished the season as the number four top scorer on the team with 3 goals and 7 points total. *Photo by A. Matson*



Hannah Wilder, 11



"Preparing for our Sectional game against Crown Point was the biggest challenge I faced because it was a big game with tough competition," said junior Haleigh Wenglarz. Wenglarz scored a total of 10 goals with 24 points total. *Photo by A. Matson*

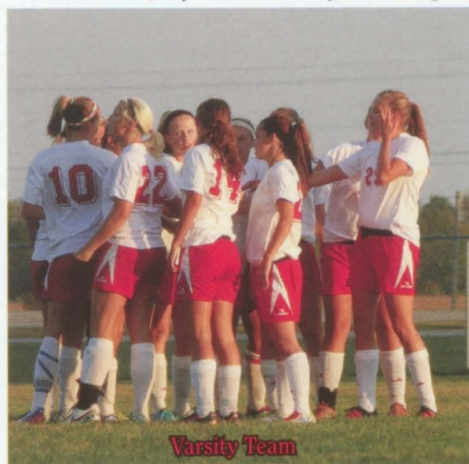
[Soccer Girls Say Good-Bye to Coach]

Starting off the season with a tough schedule and facing schools such as Munster and West Lafayette Harrison, Lady Kougars prepared for a tough season. "My expectations were to have an unforgettable time, make lots of memories, and enjoy being with these girls for my last year, regardless of any scores," said Head Coach John Hufnagel who retired after six years of coaching Varsity soccer.

Playing with five, four year starters Haley Becker, Stephanie Scally, Hayley Hoffman, and Jennifer Sobierajski were just one benefit for Sophia Hufnagel. Her other was being coached by her dad. "I loved having my dad as the head coach. It brings tears to my eyes when I think about the fact that it was our last season together," said Hufnagel. These five girls have seen championships with the titles of Conference, Sectionals, and Regionals.

Throughout the course of the season,

Lady Kougars lost a key senior player due to an ACL injury. "Due to my ACL, I pro-

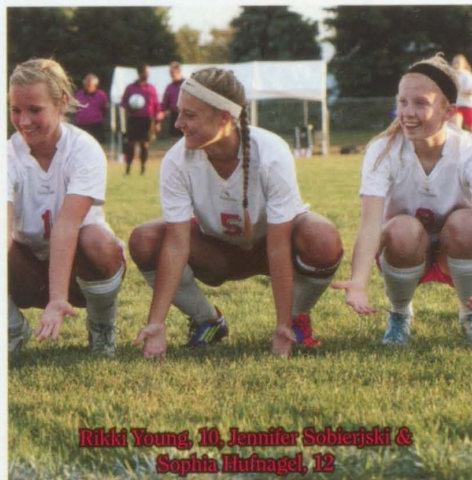


Varsity Team

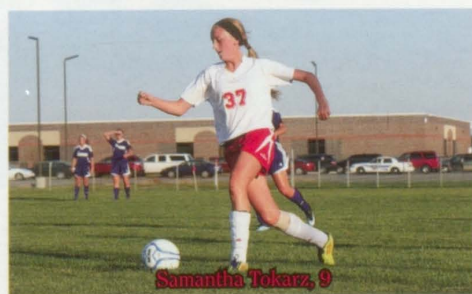
vided moral support for my team. With it being my senior year, being injured was very hard. I was only able to play one game for 15 minutes because I had torn my other ACL," said senior Haley Becker.



Kara Gouwens, 10



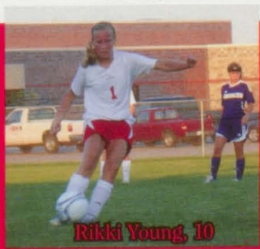
Rikki Young, 10, Jennifer Sobierajski & Sophia Hufnagel, 12



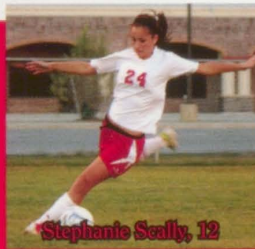
Samantha Tokarz, 9



Sophia Hufnagel, 12



Rikki Young, 10



Stephanie Scally, 12

Playing Crown Point in the first game of Sectionals, the team was hungry for a win. In regular season play, they had lost to Crown Point by two goals and had hopes of sweet revenge. "Going into Sectionals, I was really nervous, but confident because we had the advantage of six seniors on the field. We really came together as a team and played to our abilities," said sophomore Kara Gouwens. Losing a hard-fought game 5-0, Lady Kougars finished off their season with a final record of 7-2-8.

Haleigh Wenglarz led the team with most goals (10) and shots (10). Goalie Mackenzie DeMars, sophomore, had a total of 73 saves in the goal. She also led the team in most minutes played (920). "Being a goalie puts you under a lot of pressure because you don't want the other team to score. When I see our opponent coming down the field, that's when I know that I have a ball to save," said DeMars.

Varsity/JV Awards

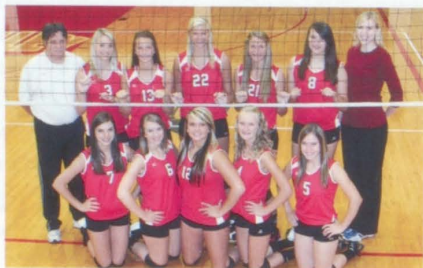
Varsity Defensive MVP: Jennifer Sobierajski
Varsity Offensive MVP: Haleigh Wenglarz
Varsity Midfield MVP: Alyssa Cox
Varsity Player of the Year: Jennifer Sobierajski
JV Defensive MVP: Kelsey Eenigenburg
JV Offensive MVP: Ivy Fase
JV Midfield MVP: Emily Ingram
JV Player of the Year: Kelsey Eenigenburg
Academic All Conference: Kelsey Eenigenburg, Nicole Jaki, & Stephanie Scally
First Team All Conference: Jennifer Sobierajski, Haleigh Wenglarz, & Alyssa Cox
Second Team All Conference: Kara Gouwens
Honorable Mention: Sophia Hufnagel

Varsity Scoreboard

KV 3 Argos 3	KV 1 Griffith 0
KV 3 LaPorte 0	KV 1 Chesterton 3
KV 1 Harrison 3	KV 0 Andean 1
KV 0 Munster 1	KV 0 Crown Point 2
KV 5 Hobart 1	KV 2 Wheeler 0
KV 3 Merrillville 1	KV 3 Lowell 0
KV 3 Highland 1	KV 0 West Lafayette 2
KV 1 Concord 1	KV 0 Crown Point 5
KV 4 Boone Grove 2	Season Record: 7-2-8

By Alyssa Matson
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[Dedication]



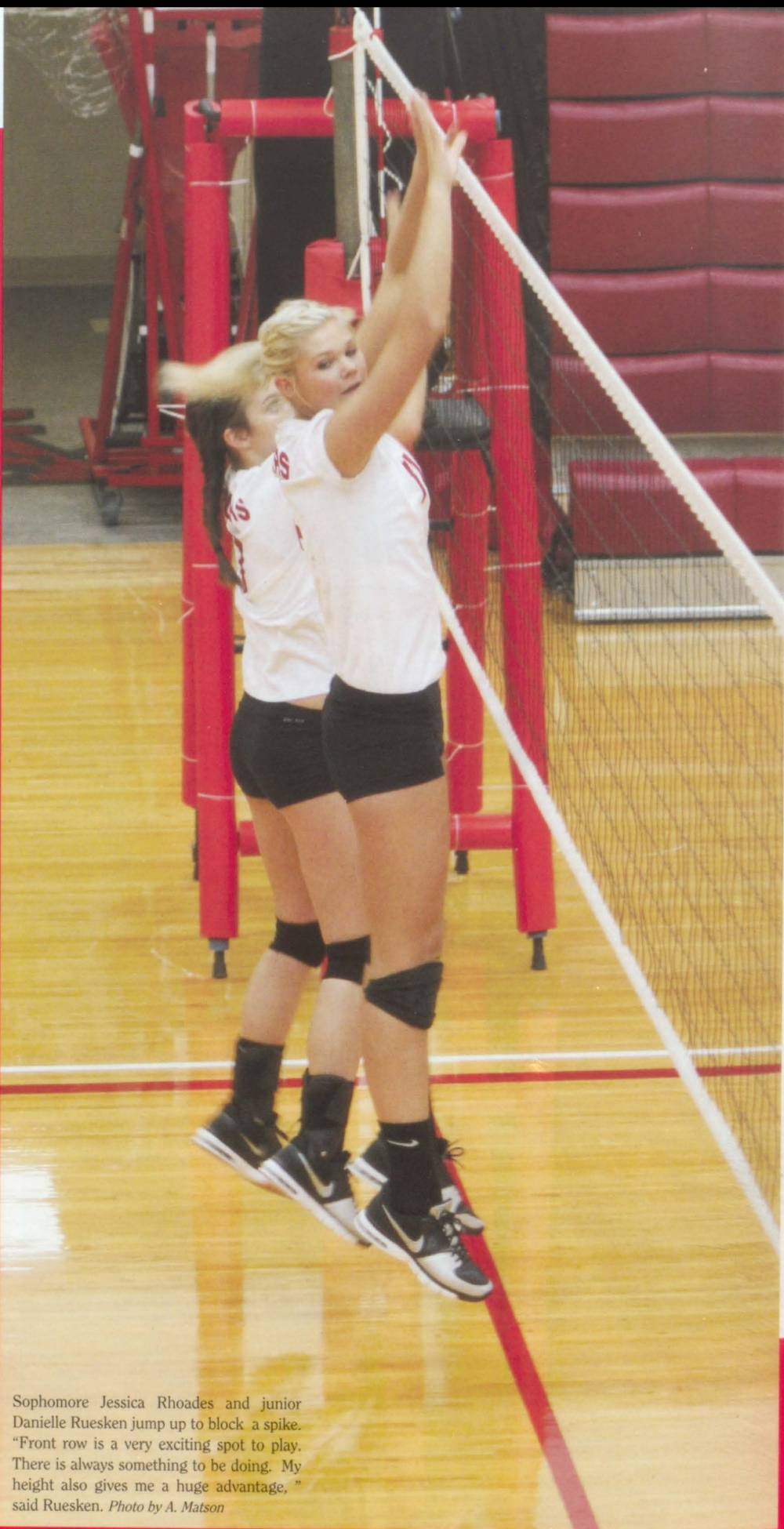
Varsity: Row 1: Jessica Rhoades, Alexis Tinkel, Sydney Pumnea, Breanna Toppen, Alexandra Eggert Row 2: Coach Rick Ashmore, Kaitlyn Boomsma, Lauren Stokes, Danielle Ruesken, Gabrielle Martin, Jillian Warner, Ast. Coach Lynn Grenough



JV: Row 1: Delaney Hershman, Kaitlyn Jones, Madison DeYoung, Paige Sanders, Hanna Helton, Marissa Call, Kayla Page Row 2: Megan Groen, Coach Rick Ashmore, Ast. Coach Lynn Grenough, Alyssa Hoffman



Mark Lukacek, 12



Sophomore Jessica Rhoades and junior Danielle Ruesken jump up to block a spike. "Front row is a very exciting spot to play. There is always something to be doing. My height also gives me a huge advantage," said Ruesken. Photo by A. Matson

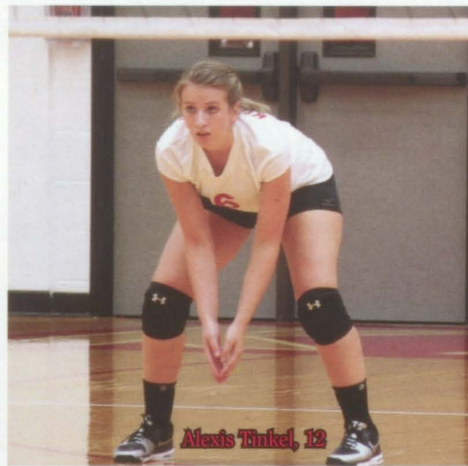
[Varsity Volleyball Protects Net]

Starting off the season in June with children and team camps, volleyball was no easy sport. It took a lot of dedication and hard work to earn a spot on the team, not to mention a spot on varsity.

With a team led primarily by three year lettermen Gabrielle Martin, Danielle Ruesken, and Lauren Stokes, volleyball once again proved to be a big competitor in the Northwest Crossroads Conference (NCC). With wins over Rensselaer and a solid Knox team, girls were on the right track. Lady Kougars continued their outstanding season with huge wins over Conference rivals such as Andean and Hobart. "It was an amazing feeling to beat such a great team like Andean. It made all of the girls feel like all of their hard work had paid off," said junior Lauren Stokes.

Junior Gabrielle Martin had an amazing season of her own as she crushed a career record, giving her one more year to add to her stats. Martin recorded 851 digs which

beat the previous record of 723 by 128 digs. "It was a great feeling to break the career dig record. It lets me know that all my hard



Alexis Tinkel, 12

work is paying off," commented Martin who was also named Most Valuable Player and earned Most Kills, and Most Digs honors.

Ending the season with shutout wins over Triton and Griffith, Kougars were ready for a rematch against the defending Sectional Champions, the Andean 59er's. "Heading into Sectionals, the girls knew what they had to do to win. It was our third time playing Andean so we knew our opponent well. It was a matter of who was the better team!" exclaimed junior Alexandra Eggert. In an extremely exciting match taking up all five sets, Lady Kougars came out on the short end with a loss.

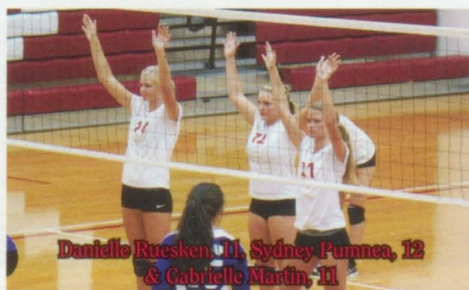
Martin led in kills with 426, digs with 309 and aces with 57. Ruesken led with 163 blocks, and Stokes had 866 assists. Lone seniors were Alexis Tinkel and Sydney Pumnea. "It was an amazing feeling to beat Andean my senior year, especially in a five game shoot out. It was really the highlight," added Tinkel. Team finished season with 22 wins and 12 losses under Veteran Coach Rick Ashmore.



Alexandra Eggert, Gabrielle Martin, 11
& Alexis Tinkel, 12



Coach Rick Ashmore & Team



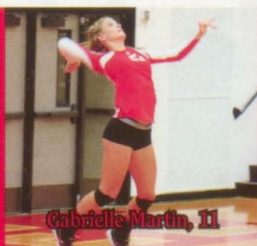
Danielle Ruesken, 11, Sydney Pumnea, 12
& Gabrielle Martin, 11

Varsity Awards

Most Valuable Player: Gabrielle Martin
Kougar Pride: Sydney Pumnea
Best Serve Percentage: Alexis Tinkel
Most Aces: Lauren Stokes
Most Kills: Gabrielle Martin
Best Kill Percentage: Danielle Ruesken
Most Assists: Lauren Stokes
Most Digs: Gabrielle Martin
Most Blocks: Danielle Ruesken
Junior Varsity Kougar Pride: Megan Groen
Junior Varsity Most Improved: Leah Gouwens
Freshman Kougar Pride: Emily Tauber
Freshman Most Improved: Autumn LaCrosse

Varsity Scoreboard

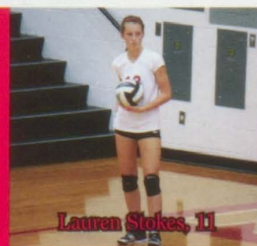
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KV 2 E. Chicago 0	KV 2 Portage 0
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KV 3 Lowell 0	KV 2 Triton 0
KV 1 Hobart 3	KV 3 Griffith 0
KV 1 Andean 3	KV 2 Andean 3
KV 2 Merrillville 0	Season Record 22-12
KV 2 Morton 0	
KV 2 N. Judson 1	
KV 1 Calumet 2	
KV 3 Highland 0	
KV 3 Griffith 0	



Gabrielle Martin, 11



Kristlyn Jones, 10
& Megan Groen, 9



Lauren Stokes, 11

By Michael Roth

[School Spirit]



Varsity Row 1: Belanah Chavez, Brooklyn Starr, Miranda Retzlaff, Kougar, Tessa Whitson, Tatiana Adams, Alyssa Tucker Row 2: Morgan Campbell, Jordan Rhoades, Mackenzie Misner, Jay Weaver, Andrea Wireman, Jordan Brodner, Mia Forden



JV Row 1: Kyla Porter, Brikeyla Babe, Victoria DeKock, Kougar, Corissa Abell, Kendall Schneider, Paige Asbridge Row 2: Emily Poe, Hannah Sherwood, Janna Witvoet, Bailey Richardson, Brooke Sytsma, Jessica Tiemens



Miranda Retzlaff, 12



To excite students during the Homecoming Pep Session, cheerleaders perform a new chant entitled "Fight Kougars Fight". "After I hit my last motion of our routine, I felt accomplished knowing that all those long hours of practice had paid off, and I felt so proud to be on the cheer squad," said varsity cheerleader sophomore Belanah Chavez. Photo by A. Warren



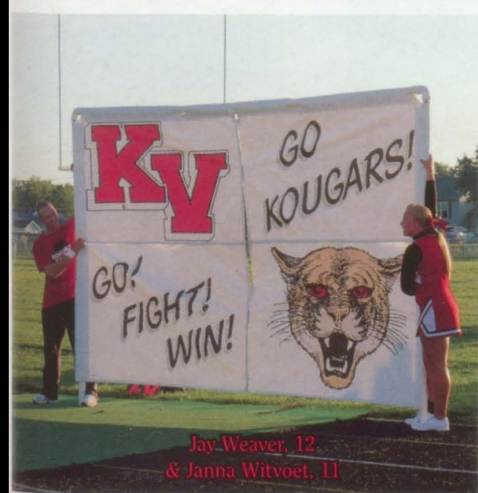
Coral Justice, 12



Brooklyn Starr, 11



Madalyn Fiscus, 10



Jay Weaver, 12
& Janna Witvoet, 11

[Don't wear your team's colors... bleed them]

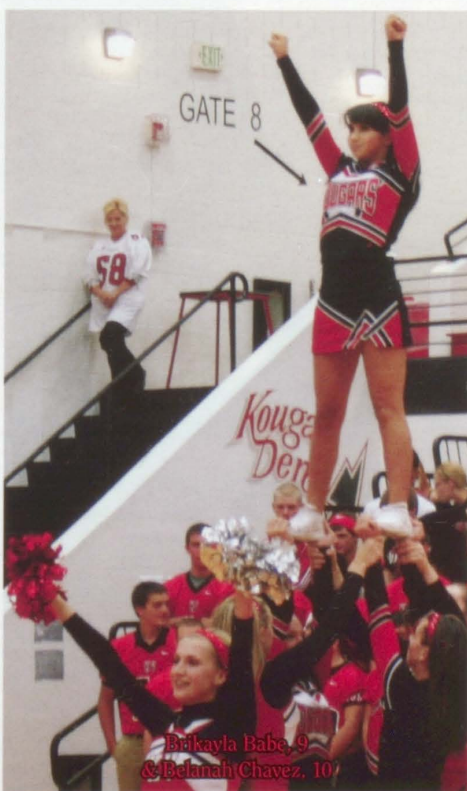
Glitter. Bows. Those "Friday Night Lights". It all seemed so glamorous. Behind the glitz and glam, however, was hard work and dedication.

Preparing for football season, cheerleaders worked hard from April until the beginning of August. One way they prepared was by attending NCA Cheerleading Camp at St. Mary's of Notre Dame in South Bend June 19-22 where Varsity and JV won spirit sticks.

Seven girls were nominated as All-American Cheerleaders: seniors Coral Justice, Mackenzie Misner, Alyssa Tucker, juniors Jordan Brodner and Sydney Geesa, and sophomores Belanah Chavez and Madalyn Fiscus. "My favorite memory from cheer camp was probably getting to spend one more

week bonding with my team. It was really bittersweet because it was my last camp," commented senior Varsity Co-Captain Mackenzie Misner.

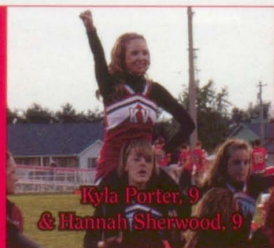
As the season progressed, Homecoming arrived along with the dance. Cheerleaders transformed the cafeteria into a masquerade ball which raised funds towards the necessary \$5,000 for new uniforms. Along with these uniforms, cheerleaders also received a second new uniform with help from the Athletic Department. Senior cheerleader Miranda Retzlaff remarked, "We worked really hard to raise money during the dance. It feels good to know that because we fundraised so much that we get to wear new uniforms."



Brikayla Babe, 9
& Belanah Chavez, 10

Awards

Leah Harper Award: Alyssa Tucker
Most Improved: Miranda Retzlaff
Most Spirited: Tatiana Adams
Most Dedicated: Belanah Chavez
Best Lifter: Jay Weaver
Best Base: Mackenzie Misner
Best Flyer: Alyssa Tucker
Best Jumps: Belanah Chavez
Best Tumbler: Jordan Brodner
Best Smile: Miranda Retzlaff
Varsity Captains: Mackenzie Misner, Alyssa Tucker
JV Most Improved: Paige Asbridge
JV Most Spirited: Janna Witvoet
JV Most Dedicated: Hannah Sherwood
JV Best Base: Brooke Sytsma
JV Best Flyer: Kyla Porter
JV Best Jumps: Emily Poe
JV Best Tumbler: Brikayla Babe
JV Best Smile: Jessica Tiemens
JV Captains: Janna Witovet, Brooke Sytsma



Kyla Porter, 9
& Hannah Sherwood, 9



Miranda Retzlaff, 12



JV Cheer Team

By Tatiana Adams
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[Integrity]



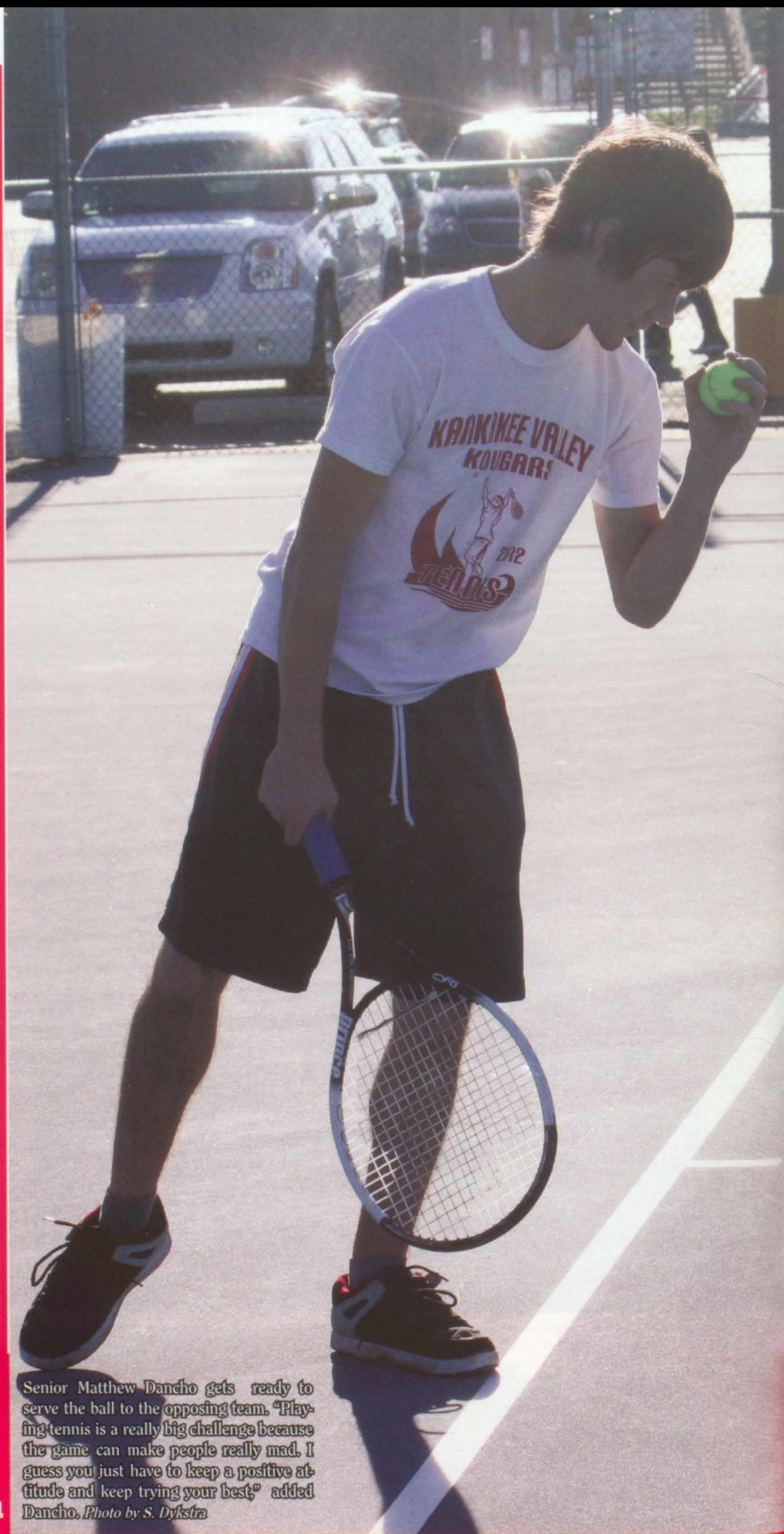
Varsity Row 1: Matthew Dancho, Cameron Fritts, Anthony Zoppetti Row 2: Mgr. Kaylyn Hamstra, Adam Sayers, Ryan Postma, Briar Smith, Kyle Banaszak, Coach Dan Roberts



"You need to learn to hit the forehand, backhand, and serve. Those are the three main skills that you need to play tennis," said freshman Cameron Fritts. "I was also the only freshman on the Varsity Team, which made me a little nervous at first, but I learned that it was nothing to be intimidated by."



Andrew Jackson, 11



Senior Matthew Dancho gets ready to serve the ball to the opposing team. "Playing tennis is a really big challenge because the game can make people really mad. I guess you just have to keep a positive attitude and keep trying your best," added Dancho. Photo by S. Dykstra

[Serving up in Tennis]

An old saying, "There's no 'I' in team," hit home to the tennis players as veteran Coach Dan Roberts searched to create a team in his 34th year as coach. At the fall awards banquet, Roberts was honored for coaching his 100th consecutive team sport.

Aiding Roberts' search, Matthew Dancho and Ryan Postma returned to the court for two and three years respectively. "I'm really proud of the team even though we didn't have any victories. I think if we had practiced more and worked as hard as we did in the previous years, we would have succeeded more," said Roberts.

First closely scored match 2-3 was against Rensselaer. "I really like going



Ryan Postma, 12

out there and releasing all of my energy on the ball in the match. It was an exciting match because of how close the score was," said sophomore Kyle Banaszak. Boys were almost to their first victory of the season when they played Calumet. "I wish I would have tried my best at everything I did," commented junior Anthony Zoppetti.

Sophomore, Adam Sayers opinion about the most challenging aspect on playing tennis was, "I would have to say the hardest thing is keeping my confidence and not getting down on myself."

After 34 years behind the racket, Roberts retired at the end of the season.



Briar Smith, 11



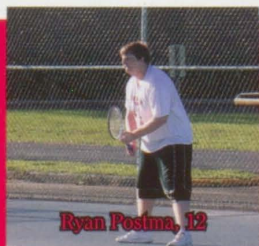
Matthew Dancho, 12

Varsity Awards

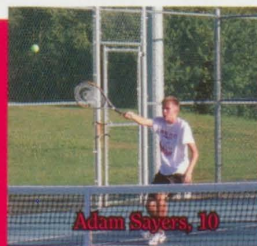
Most Valuable Player: Anthony Zoppetti
Rookie of the Year: Briar Smith
Most Improved Player: Adam Sayers
Team Captain: Ryan Postma
Academic All Conference: Ryan Postma

Varsity Scoreboard

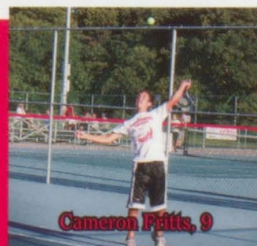
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KV 0 Valparaiso 5
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KV 0 Griffith 5
KV 0 Wheeler 5
KV 1 Andean 4
KV 0 Lowell 5
KV 0 Marquette 5
KV 0 North Judson 5
KV 0 Highland 5
KV 0 Crown Point 1
Season record 0-16



Ryan Postma, 12



Adam Sayers, 10



Cameron Felits, 9

By: Sara Dykstra

[Improving]



Varsity Row 1: Derick Tesh, Brent VanSoest, Dustin Ketelaar, Gage Abbring, Alexander Forrestall, Justin Eger, Michael Vega Row 2: Steven Ganzeveld, Cody Sytsma, Dylan Caldwell, Brandon VanSoest, Alonte' Blackwell, Matthew Myers



JV Row 1: Michael Vega, Darrick Webster, Adron Mallard, Jake Forden, Zachary Fox Row 2: Logan Abbring, Neal Klingaman, Matthew Kralik, Coach Lew Rhinehart, Brandon VanSoest, Chase Sizemore, Ty Furgye



Steven Ganzeveld, 10



Darrell Holme, 12

Dedicated



Senior point guard Dustin Ketelaar goes up for a lay up after a fast break against county rival Rensselaer. "It was a great feeling to beat our county rival my senior season. Also, having a super fan turn out was an awesome to see," said Ketelaar. Photo by T. Sparks

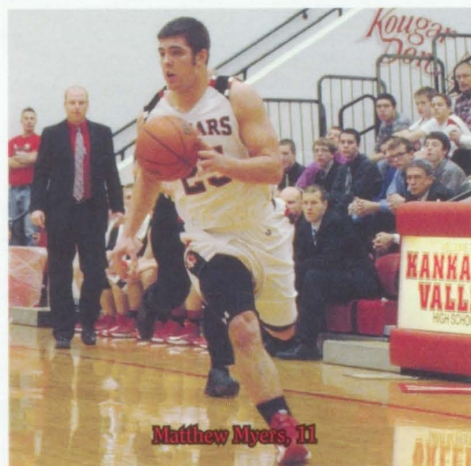
[Basketball Rises to the Top]

Finishing above a .500 record for the first time since the 2008 season, returning starters Dustin Ketelaar, Justin Eger, Matthew Myers, Cody Sytsma, Alonte' Blackwell and Brent VanSoest were bound to be good.

Coach Jeff Hamstra held mandatory summer practices. Hard work and dedication in the off season showed as Kougars beat Tri-County and Rensselaer in their opening outings. On their sixth game, Kougars traveled to Hanover Central to face the fifth ranked Wildcats. "It was a great feeling to defeat the Wildcats on their home court," said senior Justin Eger.

Kougars finally had their time to shine when they were ranked in the Area's Top Ten. "Being ranked was an amazing feeling. It showed that all of

our hard work and dedication was paying off, but it also put a lot more pres-



Matthew Myers, 11

sure on the team because we knew we had to perform well each week," said junior Alonte' Blackwell.

Over Christmas Break, Kougars

journeyed to Caston, Indiana for a Tournament. Heading into the Tournament with a three game winning streak, Kougars kept their streak alive by defeating Morgan Township and Caston, but lost to Hagerstown by two points in the Championship game. "Losing by such a short margin was a heartbreaking feeling. Everyone played a very physical game and the whole game was intense," said sophomore Steven Ganzeveld. After doing well in the Caston Tournament, Kougars went on to beat Conference rivals Highland and Hobart. Season ended with a well played game against power house Andrean.

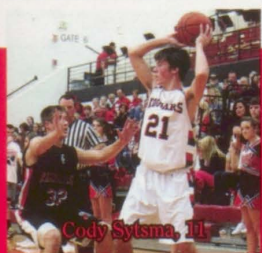
In Coach Jeff Hamstra's third year as Varsity Head Coach, the team finished with a 12-10 record.



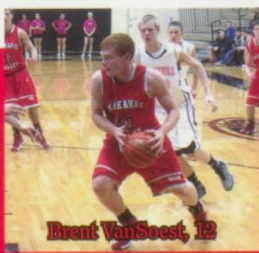
Alonte' Blackwell, 11



Derick Tesh, 11



Cody Sytsma, 11



Brent VanSoest, 12



Justin Eger, 12

Awards

Varsity Best Free Throw %: Alonte' Blackwell
 Varsity Most Rebounds: Dustin Ketelaar
 Varsity Co-Best Defender: Alonte' Blackwell & Dustin Ketelaar
 Varsity Kougars Pride: Gage Abbring
 Varsity Senior Awards: Gage Abbring, Justin Eger, Dustin Ketelaar, Alexander Forestall, Brent VanSoest
 JV Best Free Throw %: Darrick Webster
 JV Best Defensive Player: Jake Forden
 Freshman MVP: Kyle Rae
 Freshman Most Improved: Benjamin Cole
 Freshman Best Defense: Brandon Hoffman
 Freshman Best Offense: Kyle Rae
 Freshman Impact Player: James Elliot
 Freshman Hustle: Tyler Kinney

Varsity Scoreboard

KV 54 Tri-County 49	KV 29 Munster 65
KV 50 Twin Lakes 70	KV 35 Lowell 60
KV 49 Rensselaer 33	KV 40 Highland 35
KV 31 Kouts 45	KV 35 Portage 53
KV 39 Andrean 78	KV 44 Hobart 42
KV 54 Hanover 43	KV 51 Hebron 35
KV 65 Knox 45	KV 39 Wheeler 41
KV 46 Morgan Twp. 33	KV 63 Griffith 46
KV 51 Caston 47 OT	KV 49 N. Judson 40
KV 54 Hagerstown 56	KV 23 Andrean 48
KV 32 Warsaw 54	Season Record 12-10

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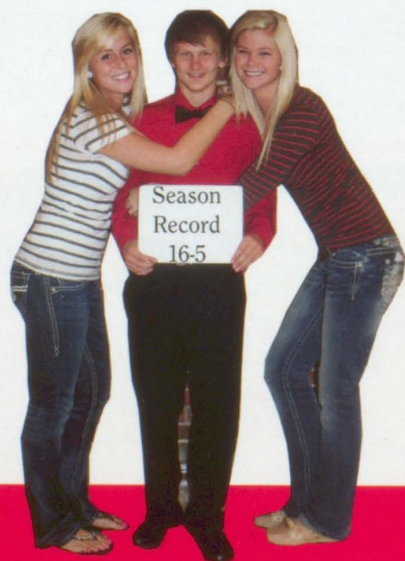
[Perseverance]



Varsity Row 1: Caitlyn Ginaven, Alexandra Eg-
gert, Alexis Howard Row 2: Lauren Stokes, Madi-
son Wireman, Ashley Norberg, Danielle Ruesken,
Cassandra Cleveland, Breanna Toppen, Bethany
Jansma Row 3: Mgr. Victoria Strong, Mgr. Au-
tumn LaCosse, Coach Jeff Sampson, Coach Joe
Leach, Head Coach Ryan Myers, Coach Matthew
Myers, Coach Dave Veldman, Mgr. Cassandra
Tiemens



JV Row 1: Mykenzie Seegers, Ivy Fase Row 2:
Mgr. Victoria Strong, Shannon Patrick, Jenna
Musall, Kaitlyn Jones, Megan Groen, Kara Gou-
wens, Mgr. Cassandra Tiemens Row 3: Mgr. Au-
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Leach, Coach Ryan Myers, Coach Matthew My-
ers, Coach Dave Veldman



Ashley Norberg, Jerzy Dunlap, &
Danielle Ruesken, 11



Uniting to gather themselves before their
game against North Newton, juniors
Danielle Ruesken, Ashley Norberg, fresh-
man Breanna Toppen, sophomores Jenna
Musall, Kara Gouwens, and junior Caitlyn
Ginaven clasp hands during the National
Anthem, "Having a winning season gave
us the confidence we needed," said junior
Danielle Ruesken. *Photo by A. Matson*

[No seniors pose no problem]

Losing was not an option for these underclassmen as they approached their season as the underdogs. With a team made up of eight juniors, one sophomore, and one freshman, intimidation was not a characteristic of the Lady Kougars. "My expectation for the season was to have a better record than last year, and that's what we did," said junior Ashley Norberg.

Starting off the season with an upsetting loss by one basket to Valparaiso, Kougars refused to give up another win. Going into their game against the number one ranked team in the Conference, Lowell, Kougars were 5-1. "We knew Lowell was a good team, but we weren't scared of the challenge," said junior Bethany Jansma.

Entering their annual Holiday Tournament with a record of 6-3, Lady Kougars visited West Central for dominating wins over Rochester and Argos. "Winning the tournament felt like such a huge accom-

plishment. We haven't won in a few years so it felt good getting first place," said jun-



Varsity Coaches

ior Alexandra Eggert.

With county rival Rensselaer as their first game in Sectionals, Lady Kougars were ready for a battle for the Sectional Title.

"The only thing that was going through my mind was that the team had to keep our heads in the game starting with the tip off," said junior Alexis Howard.

During regular season play, Kougars won a hard fought game against the Bombers (56-49). "Playing our rival the first game of Sectionals made us want to win even more," said freshman Breanna Toppen. Fighting all the way to the end of their season, Lady Kougars ended their year by a one point difference against the Bombers in an upsetting 47-48 loss.

In spite of the Sectional outcome, Head Coach Ryan Myers and team compiled a season record which surpassed seasons of more than 10 years of basketball play. Junior Lauren Stokes led the team in most points scored. "It feels good and makes me feel accomplished. In my off season, I worked a lot with my dad and played games for fun with the other girls on the team."



Ashley Norberg, 11



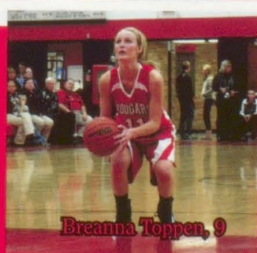
Alexandra Eggert, 11



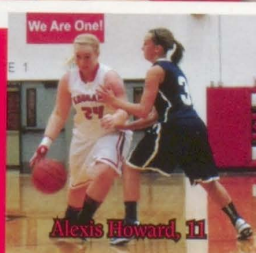
Varsity Team



Jenna Musall, 10



Breanna Toppen, 9



Alexis Howard, 11

Awards

Varsity

Offensive MVP: Lauren Stokes
Defensive MVP: Breanna Toppen
Best Free Throw Percentage: Lauren Stokes
Most Rebounds: Ashley Norberg
Most Improved: Ashley Norberg & Danielle Ruesken
Mental Attitude: Madison Wireman
Impact Player: Bethany Jansma

JV

Mental Attitude: Kayla Groen
Offensive MVP: Ivy Fase
Defensive MVP: Jenna Musall

Freshmen

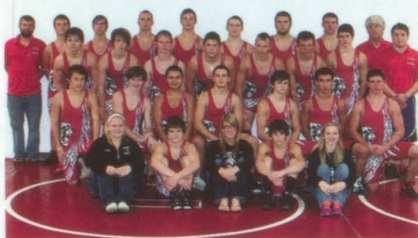
Most Improved: Nina Freund
Co-Impact Player: Megan Groen
Leading Scorer: Alyssa Eger

Varsity Scoreboard

KV 37 Valpo 39	KV 41 Griffith 35
KV 62 Kouts 44	KV 59 Hebron 30
KV 58 Highland 45	KV 70 Munster 46
KV 47 Morgan Township 25	KV 60 Andean 57
KV 55 Wheeler 46	KV 56 Rensselaer 49
KV 60 Boone Grove 39	KV 65 North Newton 9
KV 38 Lowell 46	KV 50 Benton Central 73
KV 49 Hanover Central 41	KV 47 Rensselaer 48
KV 50 Hobart 55	Season Record: 16-5
KV 68 Knox 38	
KV 49 Rochester 34	
KV 64 Argos 44	
KV 60 North Judson 47	

By Alyssa Matson

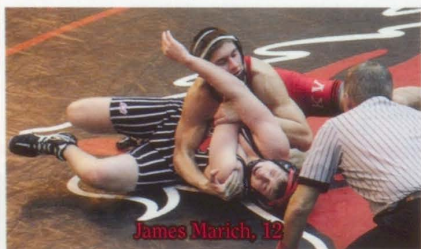
[State Bound]



Varsity: Row 1: Callie Baird (Mgr.), Andrew Hamstra, Hannah Dancer (Mgr.), Logan Kidwell, Chloe Hamstra (Mgr.) Row 2: Jason Szerlak, Skyler Davis, Ricardo Duran, Andrew Schultheis, Alexander Thompson, Mike Nava, Michael Mikovetz Row 3: Jacob Tillger, Ayden Blake, Koy Schmidt, Alex Berdine, Beau Tauber, Chase Clark, Timothy Marich, Row 4: Ast. Coach Cole Patrick, David Williams, Jeffery Hagan, Dylan Jackson, Joel Bolen, John Morrison, Matthew Berdine, Timothy Schoonveld, Coach Tom Dellahan, Ast. Coach Cody Brzezinski



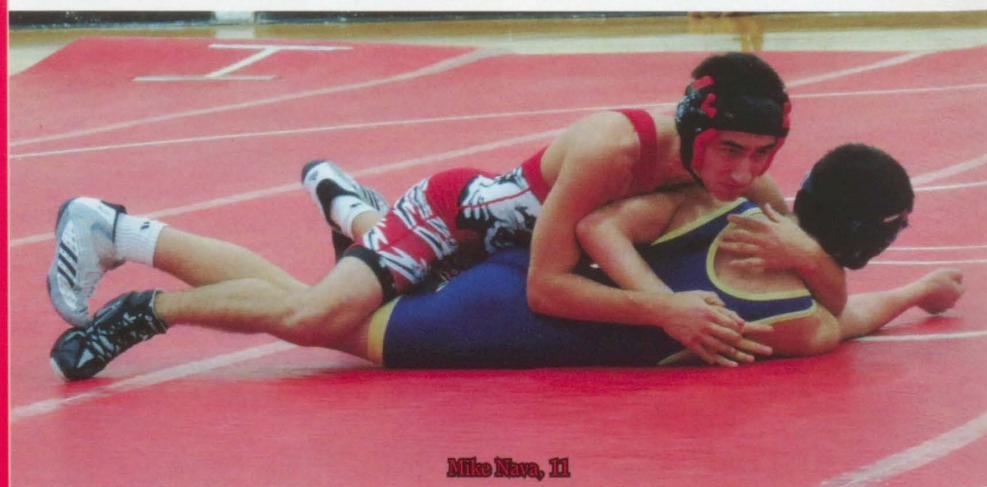
Seniors pose for a picture with their parents on Senior Night. Pictured: Matthew Berdine, Joel Bolen, James Marich, John Morrison, Beau Tauber. *Photo by T. Sparks*



James Marich, 12



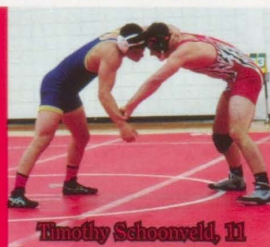
Callie Baird, 10



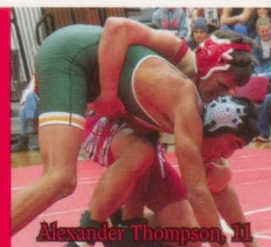
Mike Nava, 11



Dylan Jackson, 9

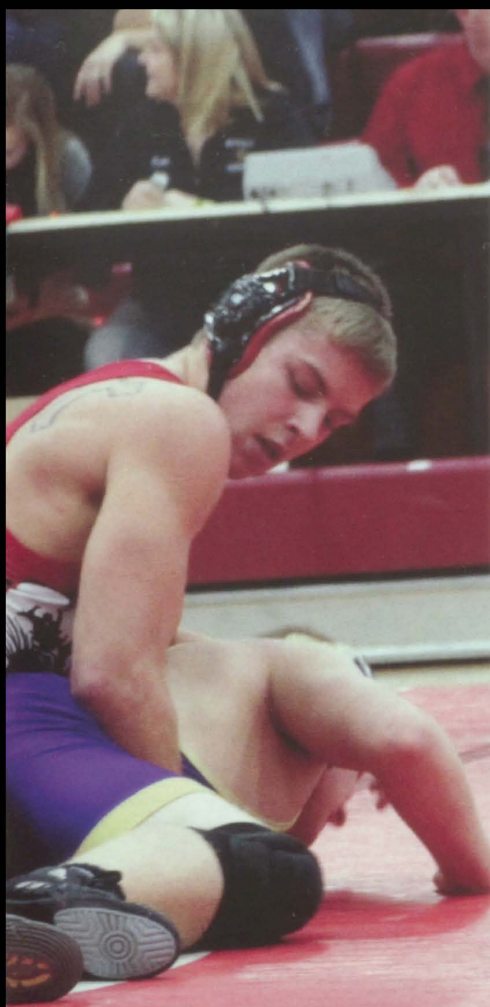


Timothy Schoonveld, 11



Alexander Thompson, 11

[Take Down, Break Down, PIN]



Senior Joel Bolen takes down his opponent during his match against Hobart. Bolen went on to win his match. "It was disappointing not making it to State, but Semi-State was the furthest I have gone, and that was a pretty amazing experience," commented Bolen. Photo by T. Sparks

Under the guidance of sixth year coach Tom Dellahan, wrestlers were able to achieve a record of 21-15. "We had a phenomenal year mainly due to our hard work in the off season. Whenever someone makes it to State, it's always a huge accomplishment," said sophomore Koy Schmidt.

Wrestlers saw post season action when eight team members competed at Regionals in Crown Point. Action intensified when six of those wrestlers, seniors Matthew Berdine, Joel Bolen, John Morrison, Beau Tauber, and James Marich, and junior Timothy Schoonveld, advanced to Semi-State. However, Schoonveld was not able to wrestle due to a medical condition.

Senior Matthew Berdine advanced to the State Finals for the 220 pound weight class. "I had an excellent season going 32-7. It felt amazing finally making it to the State Finals as a senior. I wish I could do it

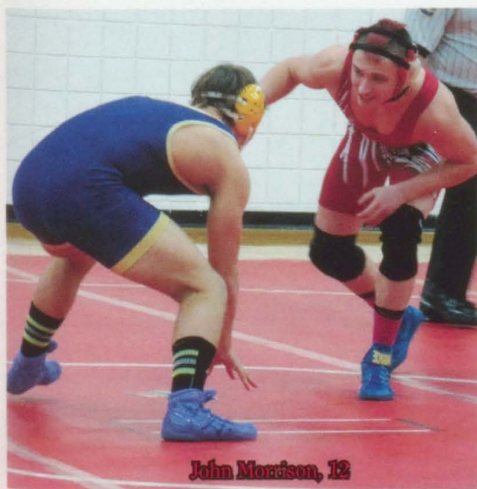
again," commented Berdine.

Showing their dedication to wrestling, four team members traveled to different camps over the summer to further expand their wrestling knowledge. Junior Andrew Schultheis and freshman Logan Kidwell went to Culver Academy in June to partake in a technique based camp that consisted of two sessions per day. Schultheis, along with junior Ayden Blake and freshman Andrew Hamstra also attended Boiler Elite Wrestling Camp at St. Joseph's College. This three session per day camp was more intensive and focused mainly on takedowns. Kidwell also attended a Boiler-maker camp over the summer. "Wrestling camp was very challenging, but during the season I could tell that all of the hard work paid off," said Schultheis.

Cody Brzezinski and Cole Patrick also helped coach the wrestlers.



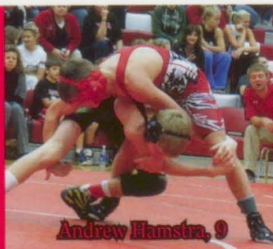
Matthew Berdine, 12



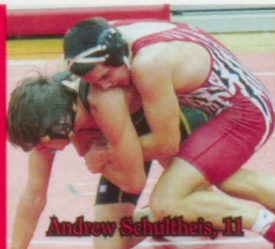
John Morrison, 12



Beau Tauber, 12



Andrew Hamstra, 9



Andrew Schultheis, 11

Varsity Awards

Outstanding Wrestler: Matthew Berdine

Most Improved: Beau Tauber

Most Takedowns: Andrew Schultheis

Clean Back: James Marich, Mike Nava & Timothy Schoonveld

Rookie of the Year: Andrew Hamstra

First Team All Conference: Joel Bolen & Matthew Berdine

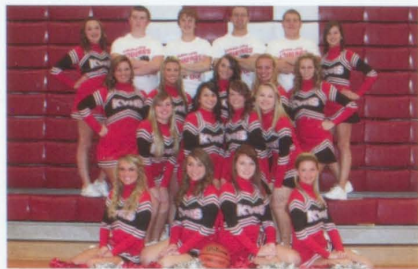
Varsity Scoreboard

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KV 30 Chesterton 50	KV 13 Prairie M. 58
KV 30 Delphi 39	KV 48 Andean 30
KV 45 Rensselaer 22	KV 39 Mantepo 36
KV 21 Noblesville 21	KV 36 Kokomo 40
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KV 54 Gary W. Side 24	KV 66 Rensselaer 60
KV 37 SB Adams 39	KV 31 Hanover C. 34
KV 13 Valpo 44	KV 40 Hobart 25
KV 28 Benton C. 35	KV 75 Wheeler 0
KV 21 Merrillville 52	KV 36 Lafayette Jeff. 32
KV 48 Wawasee 30	KV 48 Cascade 17
KV 24 Penn 43	Season Record: 21-15

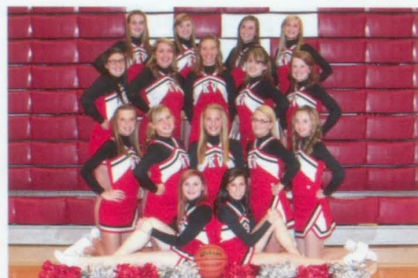
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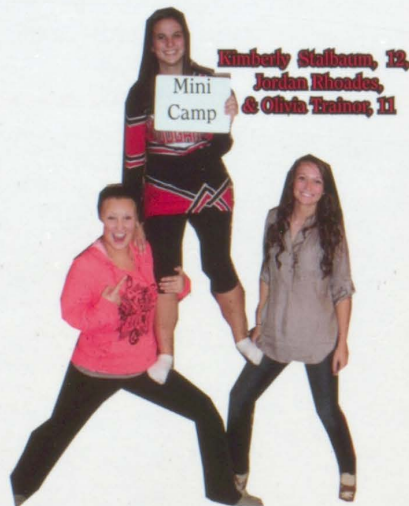
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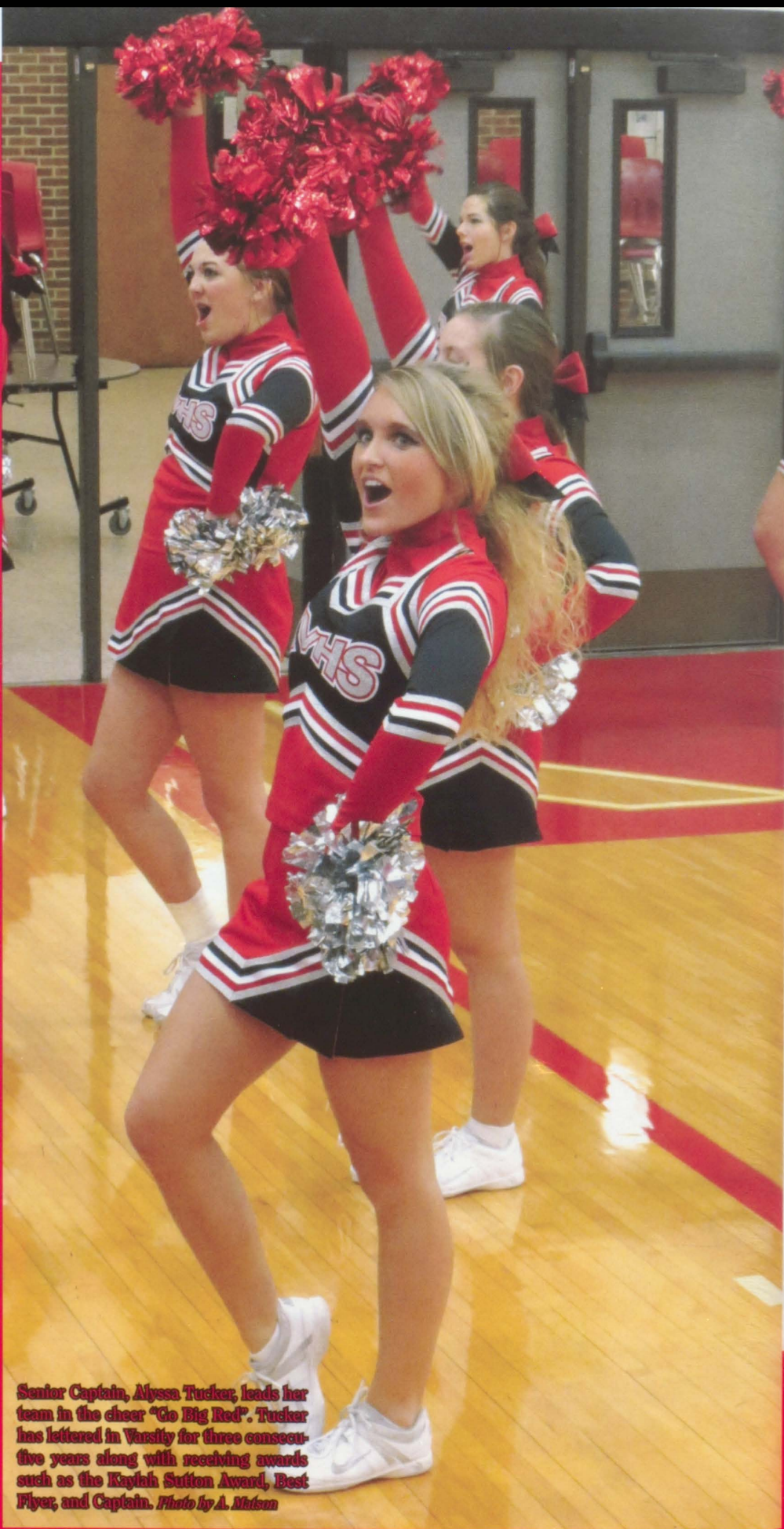
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Junior Varsity Row 1: Paige Asbridge, Jasmine Middleton, Row 2: Alexandria Anderson, Kaylee Engstrom, Victoria DeKock, Lyric Buchanan, Kyla Porter Row 3: Hailey Ford, Bailey Richardson, Mia Stevens, Hannah Sherwood, Jessica Tiemens Row 4: Emily Poe, Kendall Schneider, Corissa Abell, Brikayla Babe



**Kimberly Stillbaum, 12,
Jordan Rhodes,
& Olivia Trainor, 11**



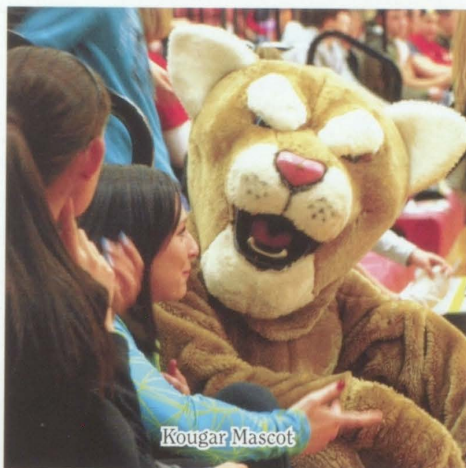
Senior Captain, Alyssa Tucker, leads her team in the cheer "Go Big Red". Tucker has lettered in Varsity for three consecutive years along with receiving awards such as the Kaylah Sutton Award, Best Flyer, and Captain. *Photo by A. Hinton*

[We don't play the field, we rule the sidelines]

Keeping up the school spirit throughout the winter season, cheerleaders organized a pep session, held a mini camp for future Kougars, fired up the Boys Basketball team, and hosted a Holiday Dance and Blacklight Dance to pick up the students' school spirits.

Cheerleaders organized a pep session to honor all of the winter teams along with academic achievers. Changing the routine of the "normal" pep session, a relay race was held between classes with juniors crossing the finish line first and firing off the confetti cannon. "Hosting the pep session was a huge part of our season. It took us two months to prepare for our performance. The relay race was something new that we added to make the pep rally more fun and exciting and to get

the students more involved," said senior Miranda Retzlaff. Junior Sydney



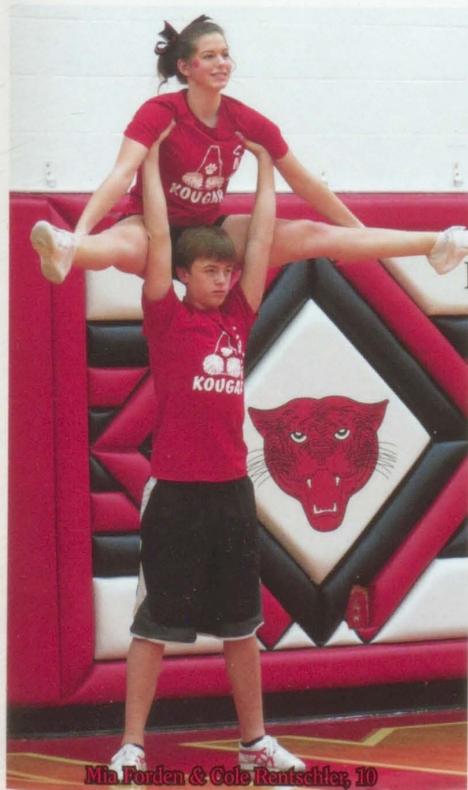
Kougar Mascot

Geesa and sophomore Madalyn Fiscus learned the award winning dance at summer camp for the rally.

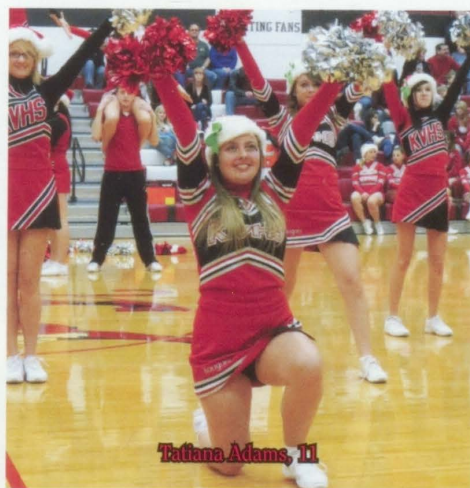
For the first time, cheerleaders put

on a Holiday Dance on December 8. Money raised from that was put toward their new uniforms. "We spent a lot of time planning and organizing as well as several hours the morning of the dance decorating and preparing," said junior Madison DeYoung. Also, they hosted a Blacklight Dance on March 16 for another contribution towards uniforms and equipment.

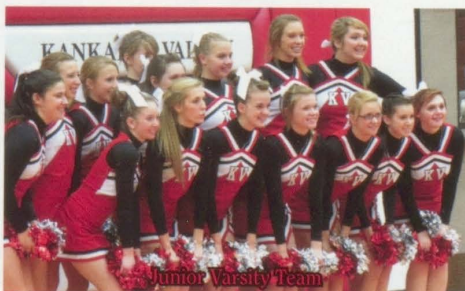
To fire up the Boys' Basketball team before Sectionals, girls and lifters decorated the rooms of the players along with the varsity locker rooms. "The bond that we had with the basketball team was better than it has been the last couple of years. We decorated their rooms with streamers, balloons, posters, and a pillowcase in each room," said junior Tessa Whitson.



Mia Forden & Cole Rentschler, 10



Tatiana Adams, 11



Junior Varsity Team

JV/Varsity Awards

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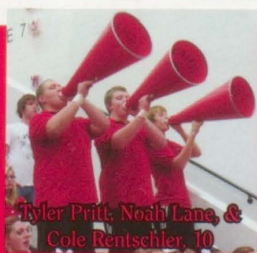
Captain Award: Mia Stevens & Jessica Tiemens
Most Dedicated Award: Hannah Sherwood
Most Improved Award: Kaylee Engstrom
Most Spirited Award: Corissa Abell
Best Jumps: Emily Poe
Best Flyer: Kyla Porter
Best Base: Hannah Sherwood
Best Tumbler: Alexzandria Anderson
Best Dancer: Kendall Schneider
Best Smile: Jessica Tiemens

Varsity:

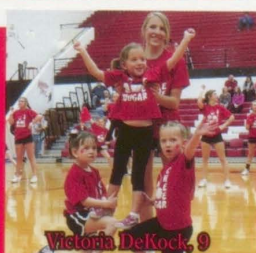
Kaylah Sutton Award: Alyssa Tucker
Captain Award: Tatiana Adams & Alyssa Tucker
Most Dedicated Award: Belanah Chavez
Most Improved: Amanda Taylor
Most Spirited: Janna Witvoet
Best Jumps: Belanah Chavez
Best Flyer: Alyssa Tucker
Best Base: Madalyn Fiscus
Best Tumbler: Cole Rentschler
Best Dancer: Madison DeYoung
Best Smile: Brooklyn Starr



Brooklyn Starr, 11



Tyler Pritt, Noah Lane, & Cole Rentschler, 10

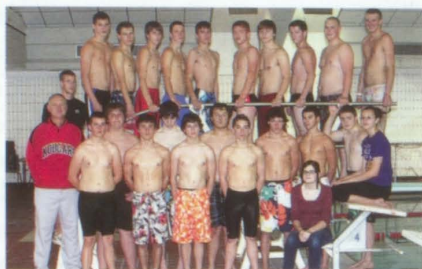


Victoria DeKock, 9

By: Alyssa Matson

Photos provided by: A. Matson, C. Bailey & T. Sparks

[Swim to Win]



Boys: Row 1: Mgr. Emma Clark, Joshua Weaver, Michael Curtis, Cody Gronkiewicz, Travis Seibt
Row 2: Coach Dan Roberts, Jermey Gergely, Emmett Meiss, Kyle Hawrot, Jack Anderson, Robert Svitek, Russel Baize, Mgr. Breanne Lessner, Row 3: Frank Lapota, Vincent Lynch, Ryan Demars, Walter Dinga, Cameron Johnson, Brandon Martin, Trevor Shelhart, Justin Edwards, Ryan Nichols, Kristian Cullings



Girls: Row 1: Mgr. Eva Macierzynski, Mgr. Alexis Cwiklinski Mgr. Jessica Nagel, Katelin Lott, Audra Lewis, Klara Housenleck, Genna Truelock, Row 2: Caitlin Roth, Madeline Klauer, Alyssa Cox, Sarah Axtell, Jordyn Rentschler, Jordan Rhoades, Madison Babicka, Caleb Tillemma, Row 3: Mr. Stephens, Brittany Stepp, Sonny Anderson, Abbey Sittema, Maribeth Strong, Faith Hoffman, Leah Gouwens, Emma Abbring, Coach Lane Lewellan

Christiana Easton, Alexandra Eggert, & Rebecca Loslo, 11



"Breast stroke is my favorite event. It's fast paced, and it always comes down to an intense finish," said senior Frank Lapota. *Photo by Sara Dykstra*



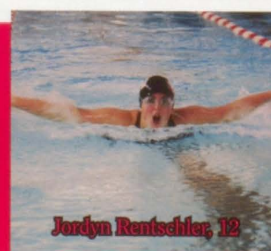
Sonny Anderson, 9



Kristian Cullings, 11



Cody Gronkiewicz, 9



Jordyn Rentschler, 12

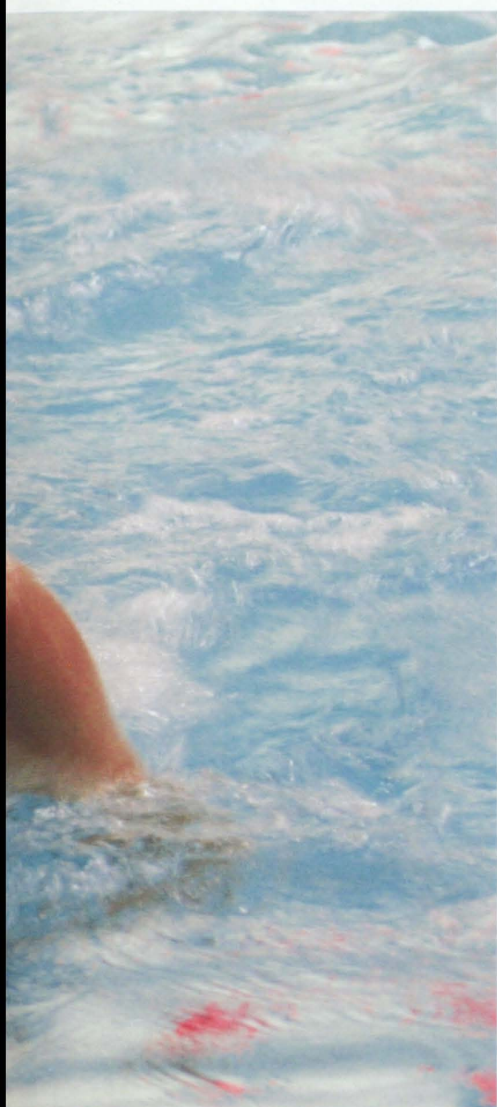
[Teens swim for success]

Slicing through the water, senior Frank Lapota broke his own school record in the 100 breast stroke. He left the record at 1:03.82. Following Lapota in the streak of breaking records was junior, Abbey Sittema, in the 200 Individual Medley with a time of 2:22.96, "When you break a school record it's a huge confidence booster," said Sittema. Junior Madison Babicka broke three records this season, the 50 Freestyle with a time of 24.75, 100 Freestyle with a time of 55.59, and the 100 Backstroke with a speedy time of 1:05.70.

"The NCC is a very tough conference to swim against. Munster and Highland have traditionally dominated the Conference Meet, but this year we made a lot of noise," said girls' Coach Kevin Stephens. Finishing a solid 3rd place overall, the girls' performances at the Conference Meet turned a lot of heads and made them a factor in the

Conference. "I'm so proud of my team," said freshman Leah Gouwens.

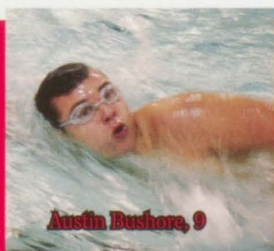
Mr. Dan Roberts also coached his boys to victory with a season of 9 wins, 4 losses, and 1 tie. Along with the girls, the boys agreed with the girls about their toughest opponents. "Munster and Highland were very tough schools. We tried our hardest and came out winners in my book!" said freshman Jerney Gergely. Goals for both swim teams was to just keep moving the program forward and to be competitive for their abilities. Coaches expected each individual, swimmer or diver, to improve and to work hard during the season. As a result, the swimmers saw rewards of personal best times, school records, and overall winning season records. "This season exceeded expectations in overall team results. I think both teams did fantastic," said assistant Coach Lane Lewellan.



Jordan Rhoades, 11, Sonny Anderson, 9, & Jordan Brodner, 11



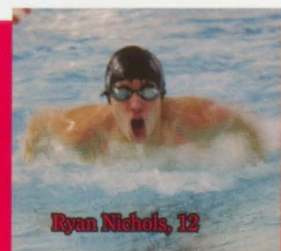
Trevor Shelhart, 12



Austin Bushore, 9



Leah Gouwens, 9



Ryan Nichols, 12

Varsity Awards

BOYS

Team Captains:

Frank Lapota

Trevor Shelhart

MVP:

Frank Lapota

Most Valuable Diver:

Trevor Shelhart

Rookie of the Year:

Kristian Cullings

Most Improved:

Walter Dinga

Academic Award:

Trevor Shelhart

GIRLS

MVP:

Madison Babicka &

Abbey Sittema

Most Improved:

Madeline Klauer

Rookie of the Year:

Sonny Anderson

Mental Attitude:

Sarah Axtell,

Alysia Beenes,

Jordyn Rentschler, &

Maribeth Strong

Most Valuable Diver:

Jordan Brodner

Varsity Scoreboard

KV BOYS

KV 65 Highland 125

KV 144 Oregon Davis 19

KV 42 Munster 142

KV 115 Knox 68

KV 110 Griffith 69

KV 83 Bishop Noll 97

KV 108 Merrillville 78

KV 111 Hobart 74

KV 115 Wheeler 67

KV 140 North Newton 97

KV 92 Twin Lakes 92

KV 105 Marten 78

KV GIRLS

KV 30 Valparaiso 46

KV 35 North Newton 23

KV 25 Merrillville 4

KV 27 West Lafayette 36

KV 33 Hanover Central 37

KV 31 Lafayette 17

KV 24 West Lafayette 33

KV 30 Crown Point 35

KV 16 Chesterton 36

KV 43 Munster 33

KV 22 Hanover Central 49

KV 44 Bishop Noll 33

By Sara Dykstra

[Perseverance]



Varsity. Row 1: James Allen, Bradley Oney, Jerzy Dunlap, Dakota Partin, Jack Miles, Austin Brewster, Anthony Clendenen, Row 2 Coach Michael Tilley, Matthew Myers, Chase Sizemore, Alex Berdine, Isaac Hernandez, Coach Doug Greenlee, Row 3 Coach Ryan Armstrong, Timothy Schoonveld, Matthew Berdine, Andrew Jackson, Steven Ganzeveld, Trenton Smith, Coach Aaron Mullinax



Junior Varsity. Row 1 Zachary Smith, Matthew Lukacek, Cameron Fritts, Row 2 Zachary Fox, Gregory Larzelere, James Elliot, Noah Lane, Row 3 Coach Otis Cochran, Michael Sokol, Craig Jenkins, Dylan Caldwell, Riley Misch, Cody Snowden, Coach Scott Cochran



Ariel Garcia, 11



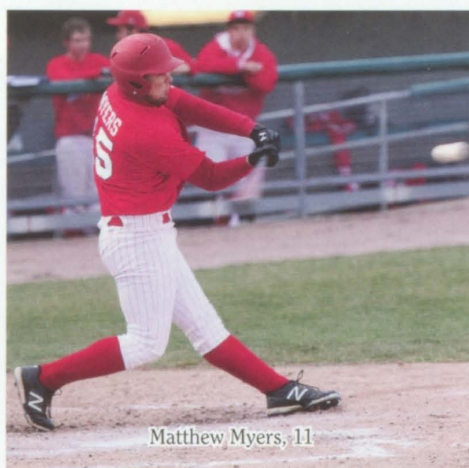
Fighting for the win against Andean sophomore Anthony Clendenen hit an RBI double and brought a teammate in to score another point. "I always try my best because I never want to let my team down. We work so hard together and play great as a team," said Clendenen. Photo by M. Retzlaff

[Earning the 500th Win]

Trying to play the season in the famous words of Babe Ruth "Don't let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game" helped the team persevere towards the goal of winning Mr. Doug Greenlee's 500th game. The team gave it their all in order to help their coach reach his dream. On Prom day, the team had an early morning game against LaCrosse. In the last inning, junior Austin Brewster slid into home to score the winning run. "It felt great to help an amazing coach win for his 500th game, even though it was at my own expense. I broke my leg that day and had to go to Prom in a wheelchair," said Brewster.

"Our season had its ups and downs, but we came together as a team and got better as the season went on. It was definitely a year to remember. Being on the team that had Greenlee's 500th win was such an honor," said junior Andrew Jackson. One of the many ups for Jackson was pitching

a complete game shutout against East Chicago, which allowed KV to win the game.



Matthew Myers, 11

Getting the opportunity to play at the Gary Railcats Stadium was an exciting and fun part of the season where they won 10 to 0 against Thea Bowman.

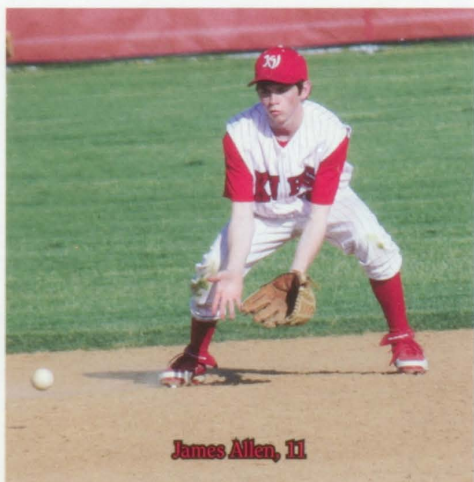
Ending the season with their first Sectional game against Andean, the team fought hard and only lost by 1 point. "The season didn't turn out how everyone wished, but playing neck and neck with Andean was a game to remember. We might have come up short, but I couldn't think of a better way to go down to the number one team. We fought hard, and I'm proud of my team for all the effort from the first inning until the last inning," said senior Isaac Hernandez.

Jack Miles made 1st Team All-Conference and Matthew Berdine earned a place on the Northwest Crossroads Conference Athletic Team of the Year.

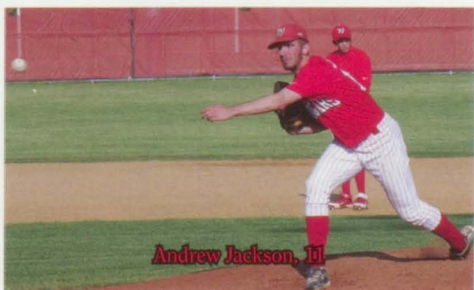
The team's Conference Record was 1 win and 11 losses and was coached by Ryan Armstrong, Aaron Mullinax, Scott and Otis Cochran, and in his final year, head coach Doug Greenlee who went out with over 500 victories to his credit.



Bradly Oney, 12



James Allen, 11



Andrew Jackson, 11

Varsity Awards

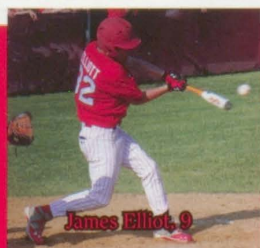
Mental Attitude: Trenton Smith & Dakota Partin
Most RBI's: Matthew Myers
Highest Batting Average: Anthony Clendenen
Lowest ERA: Matthew Berdine
Most Pitching Wins: Jack Miles
Most Stolen Bases: Timothy Schoonveld
Highest on Base Percentage: Bradly Oney
"Vuko" Award: Andrew Jackson

Varsity Scoreboard

KV 10 Calumet 2	KV 6 Munster 7
KV 4 Rensselaer 2	KV 1 Munster 4
KV 4 Griffith 11	KV 17 West Central 3
KV 5 Griffith 15	KV 6 South Newton 7
KV 4 Hebron 14	KV 3 Highland 11
KV 1 Lake Station 3	KV 3 Highland 9
KV 9 Knox 1	KV 7 Hammond 6
KV 6 Lowell 4	KV 6 Morgan Twp. 11
KV 5 Lowell 7	KV 2 Boone Grove 8
KV 10 Bowman 0	KV 14 North Judson 3
KV 0 Hobart 1	KV 5 E.C. Central 0
KV 0 Hobart 10	KV 3 Hanover Central 12
KV 0 Andean 15	KV 0 Crown Point 12
KV 1 Andean 13	KV 3 Andean 4
KV 4 LaCrosse 1	

By: Miranda Retzlaff

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James Elliot, 9



Isaac Hernandez, 12



Matthew Berdine, 12

[Focus Fox]



Varsity Row 1: Sydney Pumnea, Maribeth Strong, Brianna Niemiec, Alyssa Matson, Taurie Piatt Row 2: Breanna Toppen, Lauren Stokes, Alexandra Eggert, Lauren Cambe, Morgan Cavinder, Mia Stevens Row 3: Scorekeeper Marilyn Hart, Coach Tom Niemiec, Coach Brian Flynn, Coach John Eggert



JV Row 1: Caitlyn Ginaven, Megan Higgerson, Kaylin Orsburn, Taylor Shaffer, Megan Kinney Row 2: Kathryn Birky, Marissa Call, Samantha Jones, Heather Yates, Kaitlyn Boomsma, Kaitlyn Jones, Kayla Page, Allison Hofferth, Hailey Ford, Haley Wotherspoon, Kylee Cornelius, Taylor Bacewic



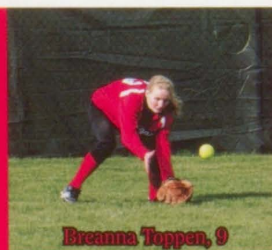
Morgan Cavinder, 11,
& Alyssa Matson, 12



Senior All-Star Taurie Piatt pitches the ball against Highland for a 6-2 win. Piatt was chosen to play in the North-South All-Star game along with senior Alyssa Matson. Piatt broke three records including: Most Wins (17), Most Strike-outs (182), and Best Earned Run Average (0.83).
Photo by T. Sparks



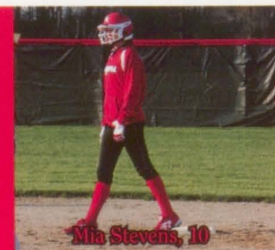
Marissa Call, 10



Breanna Toppen, 9



Lauren Stokes, 11



Mia Stevens, 10

[Battle like a two strike hitter]

With a season composed of 23 wins, four broken records, victories against Portage and Chesterton for the first time in school history, and for the third year in a row sending two girls down to Indianapolis for the North-South All-Star game, Lady Kougars refused to back down and played with full hearts and experienced hands.

For the first time in school history, Lady Kougars began their season with an undefeated record of 5-0. With a sixth game against Conference team, Munster, Kougars lost 0-3. "We knew Munster was going to be a tough team to beat, and we just didn't compose enough hits to bring in the runners we left on base," commented junior Alexandra Eggert.

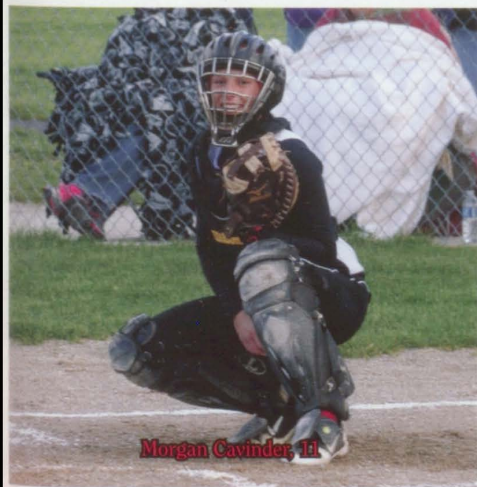
In mid-season, girls raised \$898 for secretary and player's mom Mrs. Diane Cavinder by making shirts in support of her fight against Pancreatic Cancer. A quote on the

back said, "Battle like a two strike hitter." Shirts were worn before every home game along with purple bows.

In the final game of the season, eighth ranked Kougars beat the number one ranked 2A team Rochester by shutting out the Zebras 4-0.

In the opening game of Sectionals, Kougars shut out Calumet 21-0. To end the season, game two found the Kougars, once ranked second in the state, in a fierce no hitter against Hanover Central when Central's Melissa Bulkema smashed a double into right center field and scored a runner.

For the third year in a row, KV had representatives on the All Star squad. When seniors Taurie Piatt and Alyssa Matson were offered this chance of a lifetime, Matson said, "Playing on the All-Star team is something I've been shooting for since my freshman year. Having the chance to be on that team was a real honor."



Morgan Cavinder, 11



Alyssa Matson, 12



Maribeth Strong, 12



Alexandra Eggert, 11



Brianna Niemiec, 12

Varstly Awards

Best Batting Average: Lauren Stokes (.443)
Most Runs Batted In: Morgan Cavinder (26)
Most Stolen Bases: Alyssa Matson (19)
Most Pitching Victories: Taurie Piatt (17)
Best Earned Run Average: Taurie Piatt (.83)
Most Strikeouts: Taurie Piatt (182)
Most Hits For a Career: Alyssa Matson (139)
Most Improved: Sydney Punnea
Gold Glove: Maribeth Strong & Brianna Niemiec
JV Best Batting Average: Taylor Shaffer & Kayla Page
JV Gold Glove: Megan Kinney & Heather Yates
JV Most Runs Scored: Samantha Jones
JV Most Runs Batted In: Kylee Cornelius
Jv Most Improved: Kayla Page
JV Most Pitching Wins: Kylee Cornelius

Varsity Scoreboard

KV 10 South Central 0	KV 2 Griffith 1
KV 3 Lowell 2	KV 6 Highland 2
KV 3 Hobart 2	KV 26 North Judson 0
KV 8 Wheeler 3	KV 17 Westville 0
KV 8 Hanover Central 7	KV 4 Griffith 1
KV 0 Munster 3	KV 4 Michigan City 3
KV 6 Andean 0	KV 0 Portage 12
KV 6 Highland 2	KV 8 Portage 0
KV 20 Tri-County 1	KV 4 North Newton 0
KV 12 West Central 0	KV 8 Chesterton 1
KV 7 Lowell 0	KV 0 Hebron 1
KV 1 Hobart 5	KV 4 Rochester 0
KV 0 Munster 3	KV 21 Calumet 0
KV 17 Rensselaer 0	KV 0 Hanover Central 1
KV 1 Andean 2	

By Shelby Hurst & Alyssa Matson

[Ace]



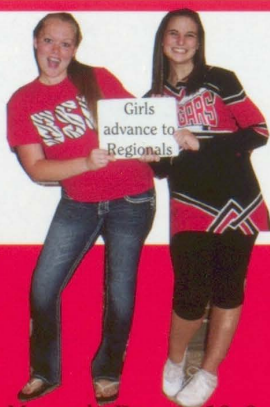
Row 1: Hailey Ford, Ashley Sanders, Allison Anderson, Tara Beere, Emily Tucker, Bethany Jansma, Morgan Overstreet, Katie Sanders, Shanan Patrick Row 2: Coach Ron Stanton, Kaitlyn Moore, Katherine Woolever, Asst. Coach Sydney Robinson, Kayla Groen, Erin Gouwens, Madison Wireman, Asst. Coach Jay Beere



Row 1: Joshua Whitaker, Skylar Davis, Gavin Coppage, Eric Vorst, Ryan Beere, Joshua Shearer Row 2: Coach Ron Stanton, Asst. Coach Jay Beere, Tyler DeHann, Nicholas Arnold, Cody Snowden, Luke Gouwens, Hunter Ahrendt, Asst. Coach John Snowden

[Boys' Awards]

Most Valuable Player: Ryan Beere
Most Improved: Cody Snowden
Mental Attitude: Eric Vorst
Rookie of the Year: Joshua Shearer
Sportsmanship: Skyler Davis



Maranda Brown, 12 & Jordan Rhoades, 11



After striking the ball with enough strength for it to soar across the green, senior Ryan Beere watches for where the ball would land. Beere holds the spot of Best 9 and 18 hole score, with an average of 91. "During my four years of playing golf in high school, I've learned to never give up, even during my worst rounds, and it paid off," commented Beere.

[Swinging for Victory]

Concentration and Patience were just two of the attributes that were key when it came to playing the game of golf. Taking the game to heart, players went out and gave it their all on the green. Through hard work and dedication, there was a bond formed between teammates, "The most important thing I learned this year was how to work together as a team. Even though we played each hole individually, we couldn't reach our full potential without the support of our team," said sophomore Tara Beere.

Girls took victories that turned into major accomplishments when they beat Twin Lakes twice, once during a meet and the other during Sectionals. After being Conference champs, girls won Sectionals and advanced to Regionals where their

team placed 13th overall. "Even though I could have played better, I really enjoyed



Cody Snowden, 11

my first year of golf and being able to go to Regionals was a great experience," com-

mented freshman Hailey Ford. Girls ended the season with a 14-2 record.

In the spring, boys beat Wheeler in their last match, "Throughout the four years I've played golf, the best times were when I was paired up with Cody Snowden. We would encourage and motivate each other, and it really helped with how we played our game," said senior Skylar Davis. After being two strokes away from 3rd place and moving onto Regionals as a team, boys took 4th place at Sectionals, and ended with a 9-8 record.

Conference award winners were Ryan Beere with 2nd team and Cody Snowden with Honorable mention for boys, and Tara Beere with 1st team and Emily Tucker, Bethany Jansma, and Shanan Patrick with 2nd team for girls.



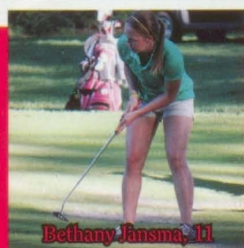
Joshua Shearer, 9



Morgan Overstreet, 10



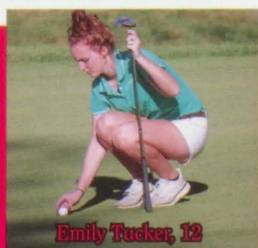
Erin Gowens, 9



Bethany Jansma, 11



Eric Vorst, 10



Emily Tucker, 12

[Girls' Awards]

Co-Captains:

Emily Tucker & Bethany Jansma

Most Valuable Player: Tara Beere

Most Improved: Shanan Patrick

Mental Attitude: Madison Wireman

Varsity Scoreboard

Boys' Scores

KV 251 N. Newton 179
KV 191 Rensselaer 202
KV 197 Highland 185
KV 189 Griffith 191
KV 173 Portage 191
KV 201 Merrillville 183
KV 165 Munster 182
KV 182 Lowell 186
KV 192 Knox 163
KV 199 N. Judson 181
KV 166 Winamac 181
KV 168 Boone Grove 181
KV 202 Hobart 189
KV 231 West Central 168
KV 166 Andean 179
KV 178 Hanover 168
KV 169 Wheeler 168
Sectionals 338 (4th)
Season Record 9-8

Girls' Scores

KV 230 Griffith 198
KV 217 Hobart 198
KV 204 N. Newton 181
KV 210 N. Judson 181
KV 191 Munster 194
KV 222 Andean 194
KV 189 Hanover 196
KV 196 Rensselaer 192
KV 218 Lowell 203
KV 220 Highland 203
KV 207 N. Judson 190
KV 188 Twin Lakes 183
KV 240 Winamac 183
KV 225 Wheeler 188
KV 206 Boone Grove 188
KV 197 N. Newton 188
Sectionals 362 (1st)
Regionals 415 (13th)
Season Record 14-2

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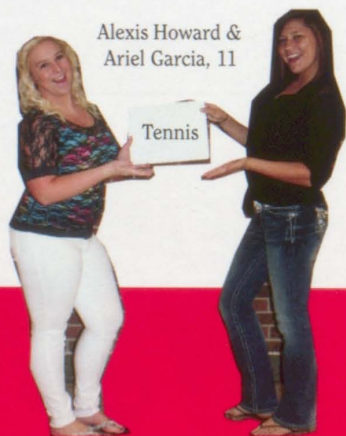
[Deuces]



Row 1: Paige Sanders, Olivia Trainor, Hayley Hoffman, Rikki Young, Courtney Brzezinski, Paige Asbridge, Sydney Capouch Row 2: Kaylee Engstrom, Delaney Hershman, Alexis Howard, Jessica Smundin, Madison Babicka, Maranda Brown Row 3: Coach Katee Sanderson, Kaylyn Banaszak, Katelyn Kamminga, Lexi Hamstra, Ariel Garcia, Amanda DeRolf, Madalyn Steinke, Megan Groen, Coach Matt Williams, Mgr Ryan Postma



"Tennis is a really hard sport. It challenges you to think and do not only physical work, but mental work too," said Junior Olivia Trainor. Playing 2-doubles with Trainor, Junior Amanda DeRolf came out on top with a winning season. DeRolf said, "I'm proud of my team. We fought through the rough weather and still ended up having a great season."



Alexis Howard & Ariel Garcia, 11



Senior Hayley Hoffman returns the ball to the opposing Highland team. "Highland has a really good tennis team, and they played hard and won," said Hoffman.

[Serve it, Win it, Love it]

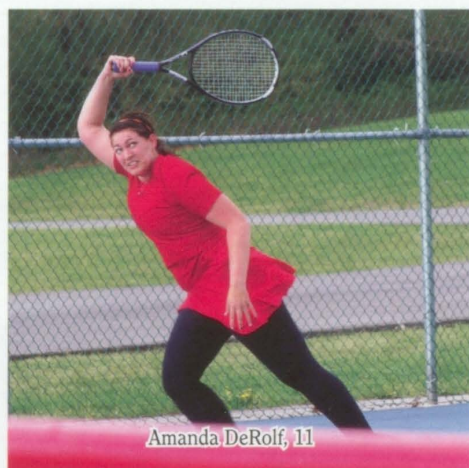
Fighting through the spring weather, starting off the season with their fourth new coach in four years, and deciding who was varsity were only some of the difficulties that challenged the girls' tennis team.

Starting out the season, coaches were excited to see that 12 girls had returned to the team. Unfortunately though, for about the first month and a half spring weather had it either raining almost every day, or it was incredibly hot outside which meant inside practices, and many canceled matches. "Practicing inside really stunk, and it's honestly a lot different than an outside practice," said Sophomore Rikki Young.

Creating a 500 Conference record with 3-3, the girls matched the 2012 record. Overall, they had 11 wins and 7 losses.

In Sectionals, girls defeated Lowell to reach the Sectional Final before falling to Crown Point. Number one singles was the longest match of the night where Sopho-

more, Paige Sanders dropped the first set in a tiebreaker, but fought back and took



Amanda DeRolf, 11

the second set 6-4. Sanders never exactly caught the right movement in the third, and Lowell earned their second point of the match. After beating Lowell to get to

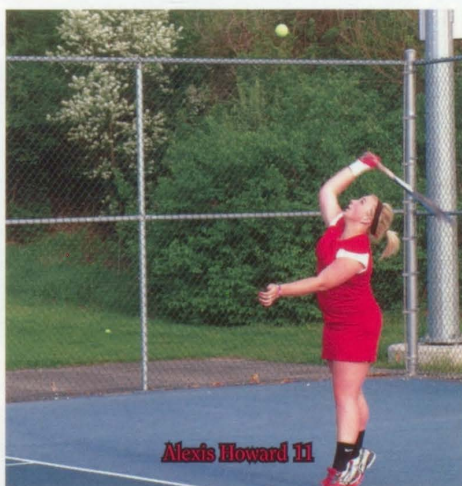
the final, Lady Kougars fell to Crown Point 0-5 to end the night.

"I'm really happy with the season as a whole," Coach Williams said. "The girls showed a lot of progress, and improvement throughout the season. They have everything to be proud of." Coach Sanders added, "We finished the season with an 11-7 record and surprised a lot of people. The girls had some respectable wins, and made it to the Sectional final. We exceeded our goal of a .500 record, and it's a great starting point. We hope to continue to improve and start working hard for next season." All in all, it was a great season.

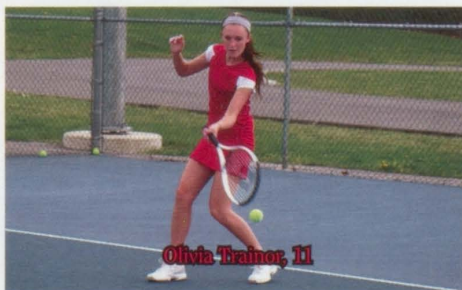
Trophy winners included Hayley Hoffman who won the MVP award, Kaylyn Banaszak who won the Varsity Mental Attitude award, Rookie of the Year went to Rikki Young, Most Improved was Courtney Brzezinski and Madison Babicka took home the trophy for JV Mental Attitude.



Katelyn Kamminga, 11



Alexis Howard, 11



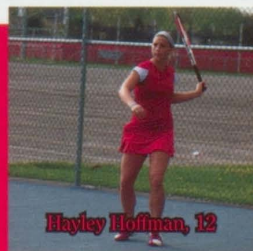
Olivia Trainor, 11



Lexi Hamstra, 11



Kaylyn Banaszak, 12



Hayley Hoffman, 12

Varsity Awards

Major Letter Winners:

Minor Letter Winners:

Kaylyn Banaszak, 12
Maranda Brown, 12
Lexi Hamstra, 11
Hayley Hoffman, 12
Lexi Howard, 11
Katelyn Kamminga, 11
Paige Sanders, 10
Jessie Smundin, 10
Rikki Young, 10
Olivia Trainor, 11

Paige Asbrige, 10
Madison Babicka, 11
Courtney Brzezinski, 11
Sydney Capouch, 9
Kaylee Engstrom, 10
Ariel Garcia, 11
Megan Groen, 9
Delaney Hershman, 10
Maddy Steinke, 11

Varsity Scoreboard

KV 0 Valparaiso 5	KV 3 Merrillville 2
KV 0 Munster 5	KV 5 Rensselaer 0
KV 4 Hanover Central 1	KV 5 Griffith 0
KV 4 Lowell 1	KV 4 Wheeler 1
KV 3 Hobart 2	KV 5 Lake Station 0
KV 1 Andean-4	KV 3 Lowell 2
KV 5 River Forest 0	KV 0 Crown Point 5
KV 4 North Judson 1	KV 2 Highland 3
KV 1 Knox 4	KV 0 Chesterton 4

By Sara Dykstra

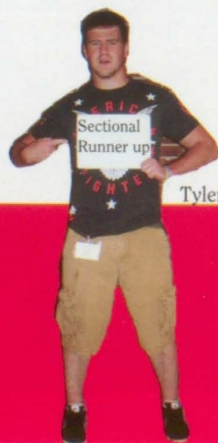
[Integrity]



Varsity Row 1: Breanne Lessner (MGR), Robert Svittek, Emmett Meiss, Rhenz Almira, Nicholas Acevez, Tommy Buckmaster, Eric Philbrook, Eva Macierzynski (MGR) Row 2: Ast. Coach Caleb Tillema, Clay Williams, Jerome Wyrobek, Michael Smith, Ryan Nichols, Travis Conley, Kyle Banaszak, Bryce Gawronski, Jacob Drwal Row 3: Ast. Coach John Schultz, Jay Weaver, Alex Martakis, Justin Edwards, Robert Aguilon, Isaac Tillema, Kristian Cullings, Kevin Fisher, Cameron Johnson, Derick Tesh, Coach Mr. Dan Roberts Row 4: James Freund, Dylan Eckenrod, Brandon VanSoest, Tyler Niehoff, Benjamin Cole, Jacob Stemper, Adam Sayers, Mark Lukacek, Michael Witvoet, Ast. Coach Matthew Jackson *Photo by T. Sparks*



Kevin Fisher, 9



Tyler Niehoff, 11



Seniors Jay Weaver and Michael Smith explode out of the starting blocks in the Meter Relay. "Running a relay is a lot of fun. You rely on your teammates a great amount, and it always comes down to the last second to see who is going to win," said Smith. *Photo by C. Bailey*

[Run, Jump, Throw]

With a strong group of returning seniors and underclassmen that were just as talented, Track Team ran into the season with confidence. "With a young team, it was a great feeling to have such success. It felt great throwing against seniors and beating them," said junior thrower Tyler Niehoff.

Not only did Niehoff excel in the shot put and discus events, but senior Mark Lukacek and sophomore Eric Philbrook both beat their own personal records in long jump. "Beating my PR or personal record, in long jump was a huge accomplishment. It let me know for sure that I was in fact improving all throughout my high school career," said Lukacek. Junior Derick Tesh won nearly all of the hurdle races for the Kougars while junior Travis Conley regularly placed well in the mile and two mile events. Conley suffered a season ending injury midway

through the season. "It was a heartbreaking feeling to train so hard for such a long time and not get to finish the season out,"



Mark Lukacek, 12

said Conley. Michael Smith placed high in the sprinting events such as the 100 Meter

dash on a regular basis.

With everyone doing well in many different events, it led the Kougars to win the Gene Edmunds Relays. "Winning the Gene Edmunds Relays was a great feeling. It felt great to get a team victory," said Kevin Fisher. Fisher was a sprinter on the 4X100 Meter relay as well as a 100 Meter dash competitor.

In Sectionals, Michael Smith won the 100 Meter dash and 4X1 and his 4X4 team also placed first. "Placing first in all three of my events was a fantastic experience. Being a Regional qualifier for three events was also a huge accomplishment for me," said Smith. Tyler Niehoff placed second in discus.

Tesh and Niehoff both finished fourth in Regionals. Under Coach Dan Roberts, and Ast. Coaches John Schultz, Caleb Tillema, and Matthew Jackson Team finished with a 17-8 overall team record.



Travis Conley, 11



Derick Tesh, 11

Varsity Awards

Team Captains: Robert Svitek, Derick Tesh, & Brandon VanSoest

Rookie of the Year: Isaac Tillema

Most Valuable Thrower: Tyler Niehoff

Most Valuable Distance Runner:

Bryce Gawronski

Academic Award: Brandon VanSoest

Jim Thorpe Award: Derick Tesh

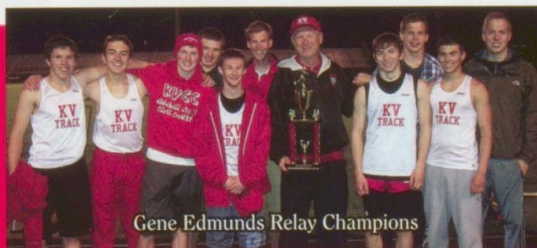
Co-Most Valuable Sprinter Award: Mark Lukacek & Michael Smith

Varsity Scoreboard

KV 43 Munster 89	Christian 8
KV 75 Andean 45	Delphi Relays: 2nd
KV 78 N. Newton 57	Gene Edmunds
KV 78 N. Judson 27	Relays: 1st
KV 32 Hobart 100	NCC Meet: 6th
KV 102 Griffith 29	KV 71 Highland 61
KV 75 Twin Lakes 57	KV 67 Lowell 65
KV 120 21st Century 37	Sectionals: 2nd
KV 120 Covenant	Season Record: 17-8



Jacob Stemper, 10



Gene Edmunds Relay Champions

By Michael Roth

[Bound for Bloomington]



Varsity: Row 1: Gabrielle Martin, Rylie Hoffman, Mykenzie Seegers, Leanna Mulloy, Kiley Ferris, Elizabeth Torbitt, Sarah Schaezel, Jazmyne Mehay, Heather Jaki, Bethany Jansma Row: Nina Freund, Brikeyla Babe, Joli Jungels, Allison Purnea, Emily Ingram, Allison Rockley, Shanan Patrick Row 3: Ast. Coach Mrs. Stephanie Call, Katelyn Lott, Brittany Stepp, Leah Gouwens, Dannae Yozman, Deanna Hardin, Janna Witvoet, Faith Hoffman, Mackenzie Demars Row 4: Ast. Coach Dave Veldman, Alyssa Eger, Danielle Ruesken, Sara Dykstra, Jenna Musall, Sydney Barrett, Kara Gouwens, Jenna Jungels, Erin Gouwens, Michelle Kent, Coach Lane Lewellan *Photo by T. Sparks*



Joli Jungels, 11



Approaching the last hurdle, freshman Jenna Jungels eyes the finish line. "Hurdling is my best and favorite event. I like hurdling because it isn't a long race, but it is a very competitive race," said Jungels. Jenna's best time in the 100 Meter Hurdles was 15.62 seconds. She was NCC and Sectional Champion as well as placing 8th at State in this event. *Photo by C. Bailey*

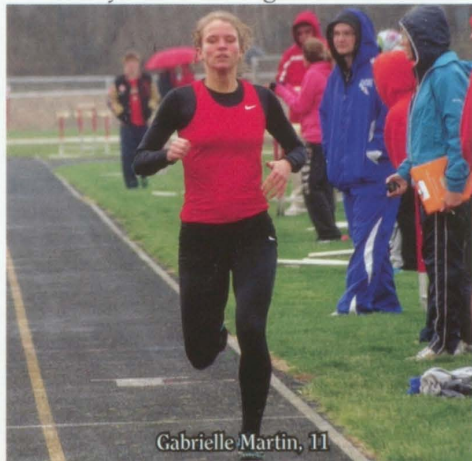
[Running isn't a Punishment]

Victory was on the minds of the Track Team as they hit their peak during the NCC meet which catapulted them into Sectional Victory for the third straight year.

Freshman Jenna Jungels won Conference in the 100 Meter Hurdles with a time of 15.62 seconds. Junior Leanna Mulloy won the NCC meet in the 100 Meter and 200 Meter Sprints with times of 12.39 and 25.95. "Winning at the Conference meet in two different events was an amazing feeling. It let me know I was improving from all the hard work I had put in during the off season. The 4X1 team consisting of Joli and Jenna Jungels, Gabrielle Martin, and Leanna Mulloy also finished first in the Conference meet.

Taking first in Sectionals was the 100 Meter Hurdles with Jenna Jungels, 100 Meter with Lenna Mulloy, 200 Meter Sprints with Jenna Jungels, and 4X1 relay

team, and the 4X4 relay teams consisting of Kara Gouwens, Gabrielle Martin, Leanna Mulloy, and Joli Jungels. Freshman



Gabrielle Martin, 11

Leah Gouwens also ran on the 4X4 team throughout the year.

With 19 Regional qualifiers that had to

place fourth or better at Sectionals, Lady Kougars were ecstatic when five of the 19 Regional qualifiers advanced to the State Finals in Bloomington.

Advancing to the State Finals for two consecutive years were juniors Leanna Mulloy and Gabrielle Martin. Joining them was Jenna Jungels, freshman, in the long jump event and sister Joli Jungels, junior on the 4x1 relay team which placed 21st at State. Jenna Jungels placed 8th in the long jump. "It was an incredible feeling to go to state as a freshman, but to place 8th was simply unthinkable to me. I couldn't have been more happy with my season results," said Jungels. Jenna was not only a standout in the long jump, but also in the hurdles where she placed first at Conference and Sectional.

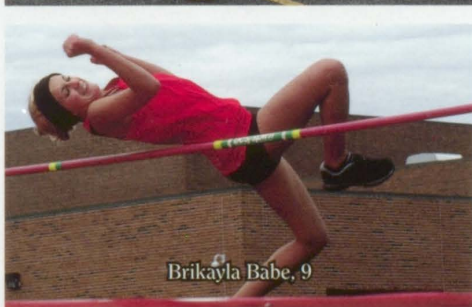
Coached by Mr. Lane Lewellan, the team won the Delphi Relays and finished with a season record of 11-1.



Leanna Mulloy, 11



Kara Gouwens, 10



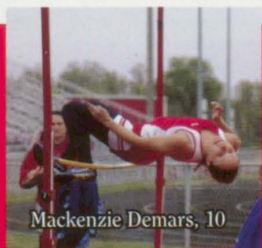
Brikeyla Babe, 9

Varsity Awards

Most Valuable Sprinter: Leanna Mulloy
Most Valuable Jumper/Hurdler: Jenna Jungels
Most Valuable Middle Distance: Brittany Stepp
Most Valuable Distance: Michelle Kent
Most Valuable Thrower: Alyssa Eger
Co-Kougar Pride Award:
Joli Jungels & Shanan Patrick
Co-Most Improved:
Kara Gouwens & Gabrielle Martin
Rookie of the Year: Leah Gouwens
Team Captains: Rylie Hoffman, Joli Jungels, Gabrielle Martin, Leanna Mulloy, Allison Rockley, Brittany Stepp

Varsity Scoreboard

KV @ Wheeler: Win
KV @ N. Newton & N. Judson: Win
KV @ Twin Lakes: Win
Delphi Relays: 1st Place
KV Invite: 1st Place
KV Sectional: 1st Place
State Results: Jenna Jungels placed
8th in Long Jump
Season Record: 11-1



Mackenzie Demars, 10



Michelle Kent, 10



Brittany Stepp, 11

By Michael Roth

[Play like a champion today]

“Winning isn’t everything, it’s the only thing,” were the words of Vince Lombardi, and the mantra of KV athletes as they strove to end in the winners circle. That mantra saw daylight as the football team under the direction of Coach Brad Stewart claimed the Cracker Barrel from Rensselaer, the Milk Can from Lowell, and the Conference Title. The 2012 team was the first to ever bring home the Milk Can.

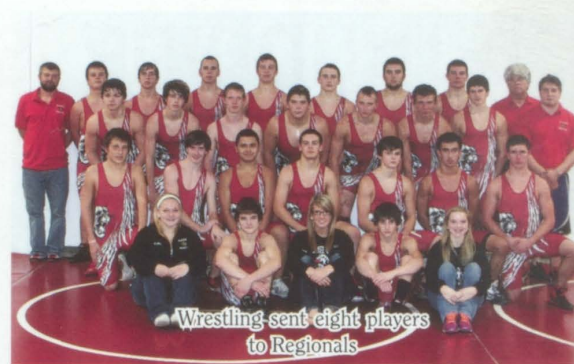
Victory continued as the Girls’ Golf team swung into a Sectional victory behind the coaching of Ron Stanton.

In the winter, senior Frank Lapota beat his own breast stroke time and realized that all his extra Valpo YMCA hours helped him to achieve his goal. As Frank rallied in the pool, six wrestlers: Matthew Berdine, Joel Bolen, John Morrison, Beau Tauber, James Marich, and Timothy Schoonveld took to the mat at Semi-State before sending senior Matthew Berdine to Indianapolis where Berdine fell on the mats during round one.

As spring opened with raging winds and torrential rain, as well as days with sweltering heat, Boys’ Track came together before Sectionals for a huge victory at the Gene Edmund Relays. With Girls’ Track racing for the Title, advancing to the State Finals were juniors Leanna Mulloy and Gabrielle Martin, and freshman Jenna Jungels in the long jump event and sister Joli Jungels, junior on the 4x1 relay team which placed 21st at State.

Spring sports never gave up as the softball team sent seniors Alyssa Matson and Taurie Piatt to Indianapolis for the North-South All-Star game on June 22. The duo broke a combined total of four school records.

Overall, victory was their destination, but they also believed in the words of Wilma Rudolph who said, “Winning is great, sure, but if you are really going to do something in life, the secret is learning how to lose. Nobody goes undefeated all the time. If you can pick up after a crushing defeat, and go on to win again, you are going to be a champion someday.”



Wrestling sent eight players to Regionals



Boys' Baseball Railcats Stadium Champs



Girls' Golf Sectional Champs



Kougar Mascot



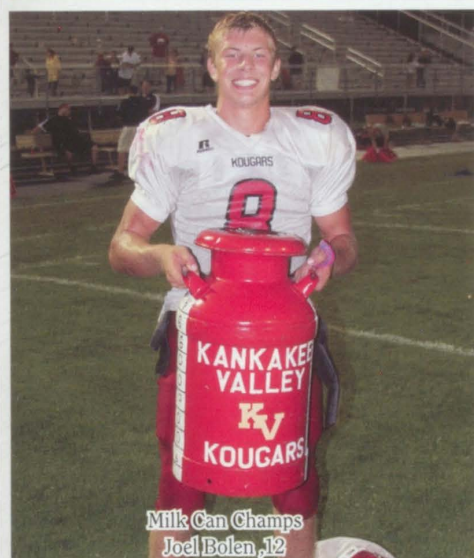
Being starters on the Varsity Softball team, seniors Alyssa Matson and Taurie Piatt worked their way to the top as they were both chosen as KV's third and fourth Indiana All-Stars. Matson started on Varsity for four years, was chosen First Team All Conference for the 2012 season and 2013, and broke records for most hits in a season (47) and most overall career hits (139). Piatt was a two year starter and broke the record for most pitching victories (17), best earned run average (0.83), and most strikeouts (182).



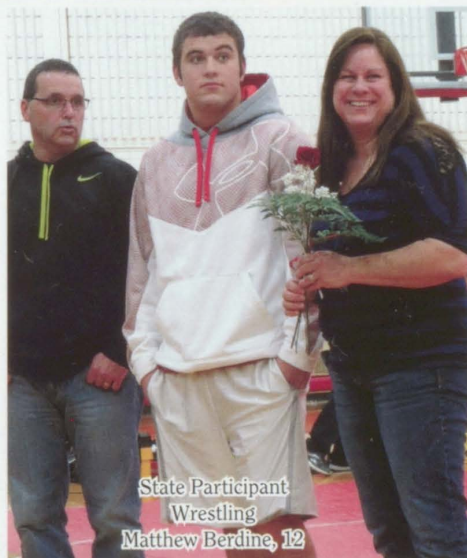
Racing in the 100 meter breast stroke, senior Frank Lapota broke his own record at a time of 1:03.82. Lapota has been a four year starter won Rookie of the Year his freshman year, broke the 1996 medley relay record as the youngest swimmer on the team. He also broke the 100 meter breast stroke record his junior year, and then broke the same record his senior year.



Victory cannot be bought, it must be earned as shown by Coach Dan Roberts and his Track Team composed of Jacob Drwal, Bryce Gawronski, Jerzy Dunlap, Kevin Fisher, Tommy Buckmaster, Asst. Coach Caleb Tillema, Coach Dan Roberts, Emmett Meiss, Christian Cullins, Robert Svitek, and Asst. Coach Matthew Jackson who captured the Gene Edmunds Relays. The team placed first out of seven teams including Benton Central, Rensselaer, North Newton, Culver, Knox, and Lake Station. Winning the 400 Meter Relay was a nail in the coffin to get the win by seven points over Benton Central. "The win at Gene Edmunds was a great win because historically it is a difficult relay, also because it was right before Sectionals and a big win was very helpful going into Sectionals," commented Assistant Coach Caleb Tillema.



Milk Can Champs
Joel Bolen, 12



State Participant
Wrestling
Matthew Berdine, 12



State Participant
Girls' Track
Jenna Jungles, 9



Preparing for the Rensselaer game all summer was the key to have a winning season. With the hard work and dedication of not only the players, but the coaches and trainers, Varsity Football team put themselves on the map as the team to defeat.

With Rensselaer being the first team to beat on their schedule, Kougars were hungry for a Barrel win. Senior Tyler Birky was the star of the field when he scored five touchdowns and rushed for over 300 yards in the season opener. Fans rushed the field, and the Jasper County Cracker Barrel was in their possession again as the final score read 49-39. The team went on to win the Milk Can and the Conference before falling to Hobart in a grudge match for Sectionals.



"I enjoyed dancing like a manta at Prom. I had glow sticks. My favorite song that I danced to was 'Baby Got Back' by Sir Mix-a-lot. I do it to entertain everyone," said junior Christian Cooper. Also pictured: junior Matthew Peters. Photo by T. Kingma

[Prom takes a splash in 'Paradise']

As the sun set on April 27, 480 students waltzed into the Porter County Expo Center for a night in a Tropical Paradise. "Thinking of the theme was difficult, but the idea of Tropical Paradise popped into my mind while looking through all of Mrs. Steiner's prom magazines," said junior Madalyn Steinke.

Getting students excited and even more ready for Prom, they were handed vacation brochures the two days before Prom as their tickets/reminders.

Giant sunglasses, beach bags, leis, cups, and Edible Arrangements covered the tables to fit the theme of Paradise to perfection. "The giant sunglasses were my favorite thing to take home. They made my Prom attire more exciting," commented junior Ashley Warren.

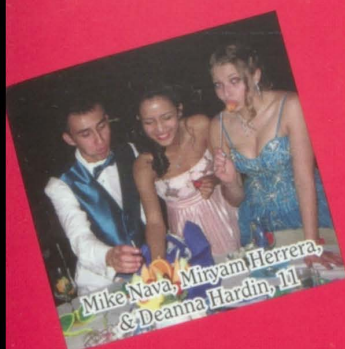
As 8:30 rolled around, all the votes were counted for the winners of Prom

King and Queen, along with the Prince and Princess. Seniors Ioannis Petsalis & Rylie Hoffman took the floor for a spotlight dance as King and Queen, along with juniors Timothy Schoonveld and Morgan Cavinder as Prince and Princess. "I felt honored winning Princess, and I couldn't have been happier that Tim won Prince. We are close friends, and it made the dance memorable and enjoyable, anything but awkward," said junior Morgan Cavinder.

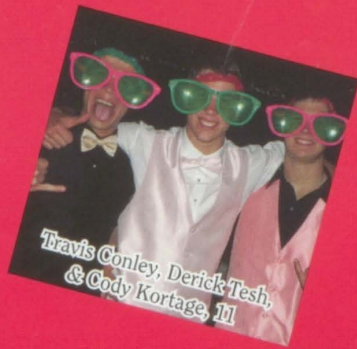
As songs such as the "Harlem Shake" and "Gangman Style" filled the speakers, students danced to the beat of the music by adding in their own style. "Dancing to the 'Harlem Shake' was my favorite dance because it's a type of dance where you just go crazy, so nobody judges how you move. I had a lot of fun," laughed junior Ariel Garcia.



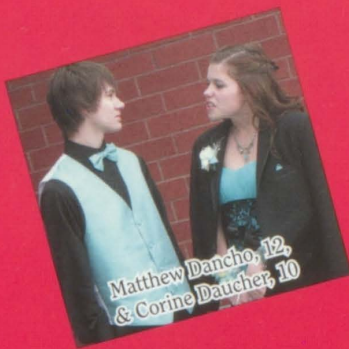
Mrs. Jill Steiner:
Prom Coordinator



Mike Nava, Miryam Herrera,
& Deanna Hardin, 11



Travis Conley, Derick Tesh,
& Cody Kortage, 11



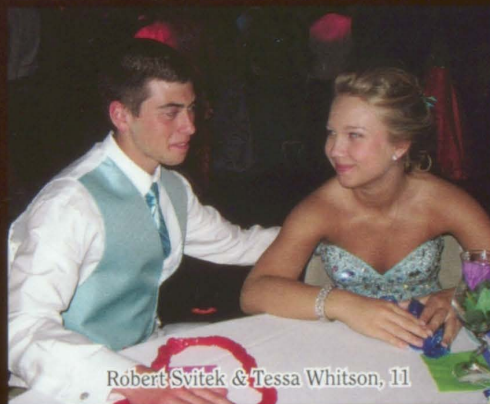
Matthew Dancho, 12,
& Corine Daucher, 10



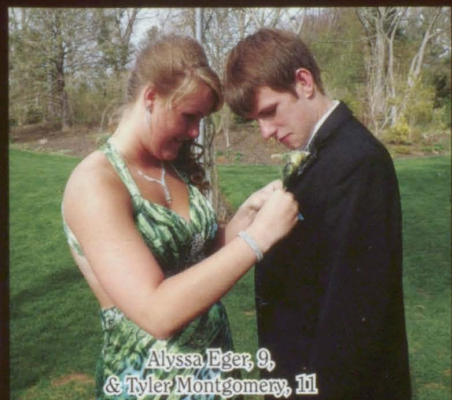
John Morrison
& Shelby Schoon, 12



Prom Court Row 1: Morgan Campbell, Haley Overby, Brittany Braden, Rylie Hoffman, Renee Jones, Morgan Cavinder Row 2: Timothy Schoonveld, Ioannis Petsalis, Gage Abbring, Blake Tuohy, Tyler Birky, Briar Smith "When I found out I was on Prom court, I was shocked. The last person I thought would ever be on court was me," commented senior Brittany Braden.



Robert Svitek & Tessa Whitson, 11



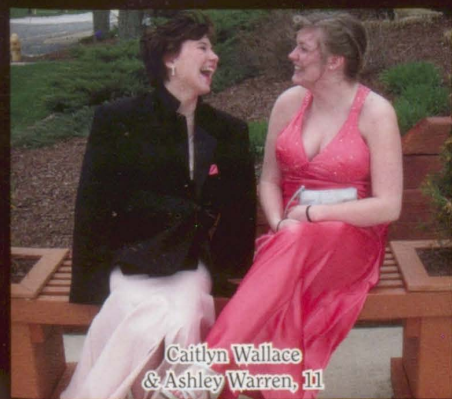
Alyssa Eger, 9,
& Tyler Montgomery, 11



Belanah Chavez, Areceley Reyes,
Mia Forden, & Cole Rentschler, 10



Seniors Austin Johnson and Adanna Oney pose for pictures at Hamstra's Garden before Prom. Hamstra's Garden was the hot spot for Pre-Prom pictures bringing in about 45 couples. "I loved how our colors turned out. The camo, orange, and cowboy boots wasn't something you often see together, so we really stood out," commented Oney. Photo by T. Kingma

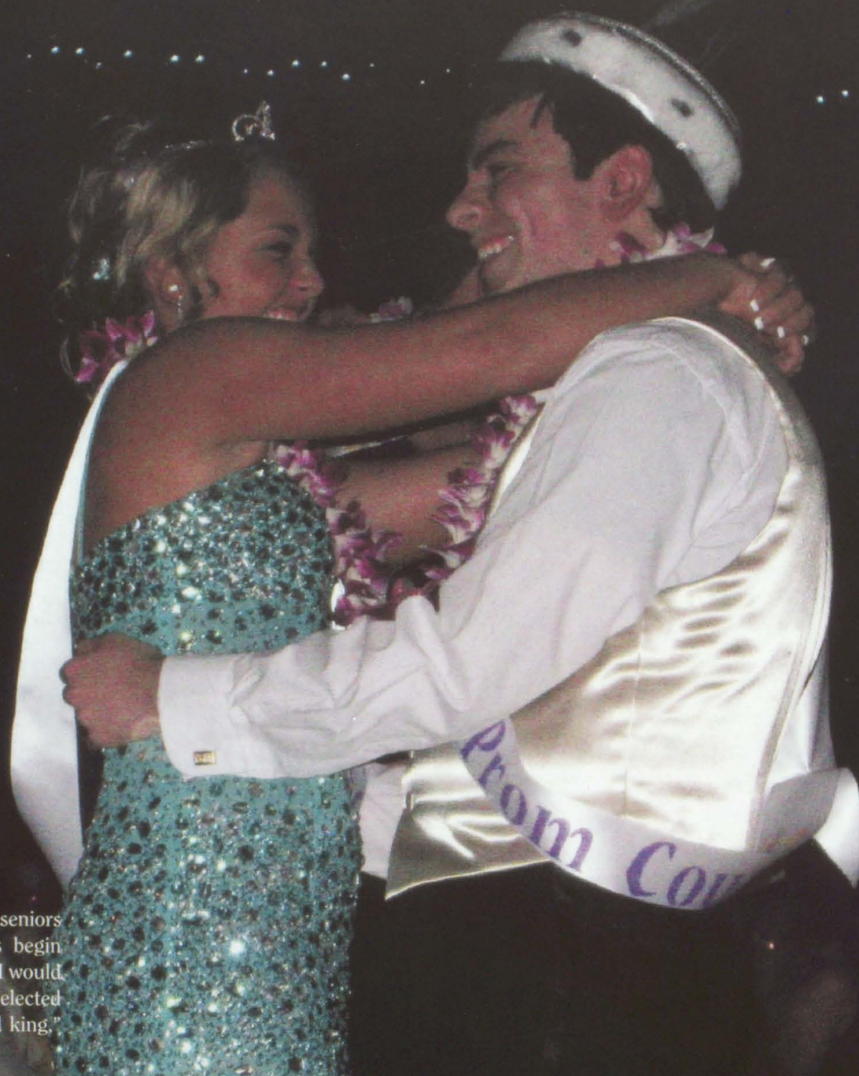


Caitlyn Wallace
& Ashley Warren, 11



Muhammad Nadeem
& Christine Cilek, 12

By: Alyssa Matson



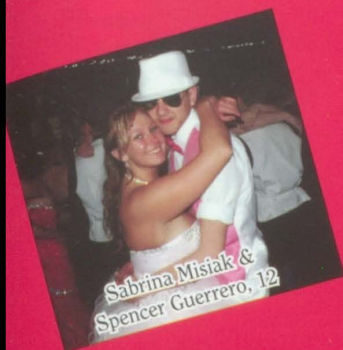
After being crowned King and Queen, seniors Rylie Hoffman and Ioannis Petsalis begin their dance. "I was beaming with joy. I would have never guessed that I would be elected to Prom Court, let alone be crowned king," commented Petsalis. *Photo by S. Hurst*



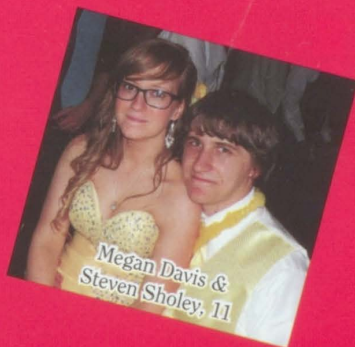
Trevor Shelhart, 12



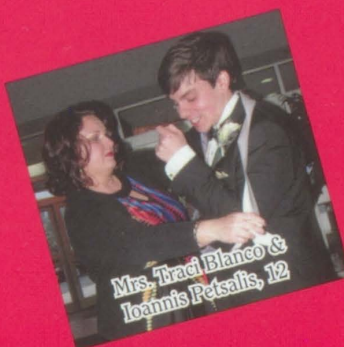
Brandon Mihalovits, 12 & Alyssa Lunsford, 11



Sabrina Misiak &
Spencer Guerrero, 12



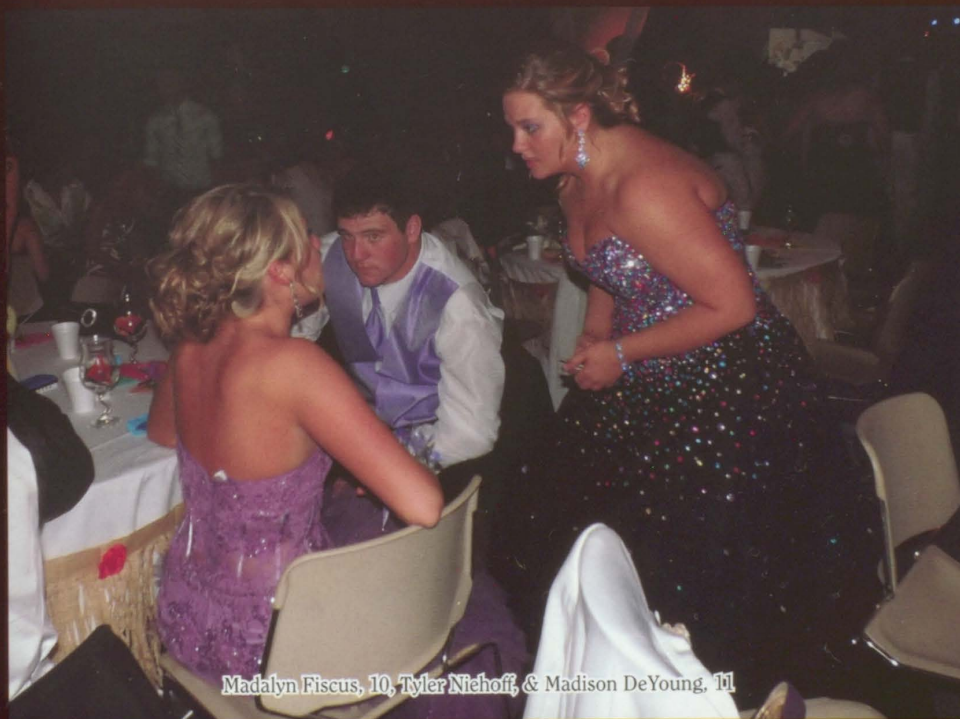
Megan Davis &
Steven Sholey, 11



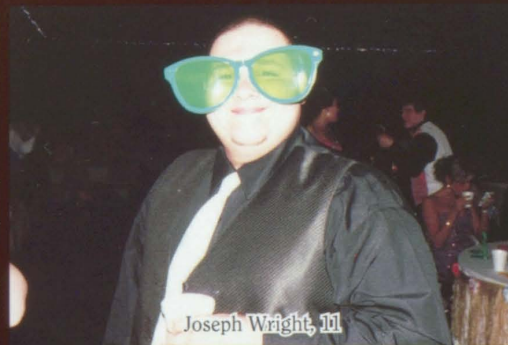
Mrs. Traci Blanco &
Ioannis Petsalis, 12



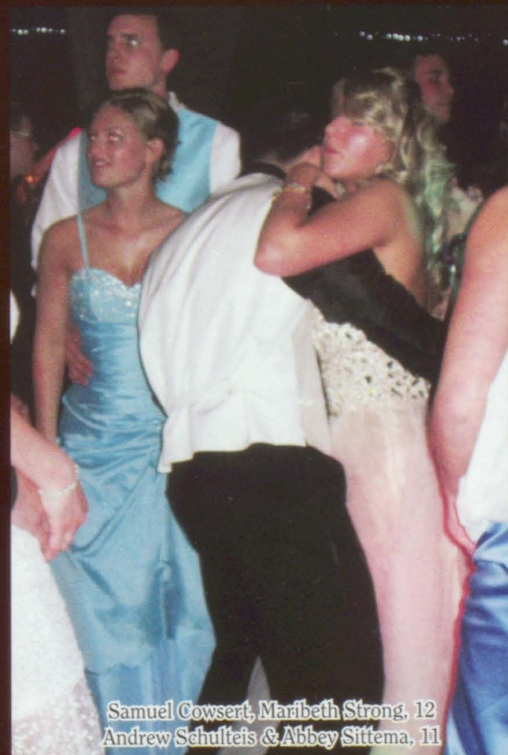
Brandon Franz &
Katelin Gilbert, 11



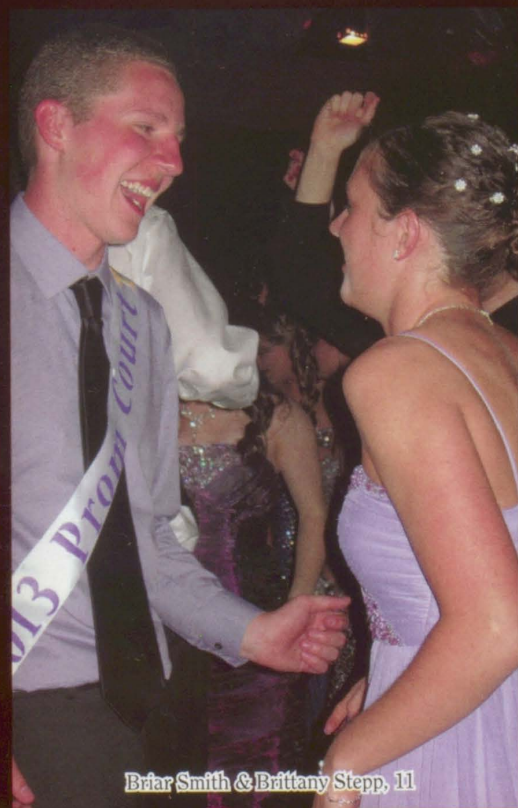
Madalyn Fiscus, 10, Tyler Niehoff, & Madison DeYoung, 11



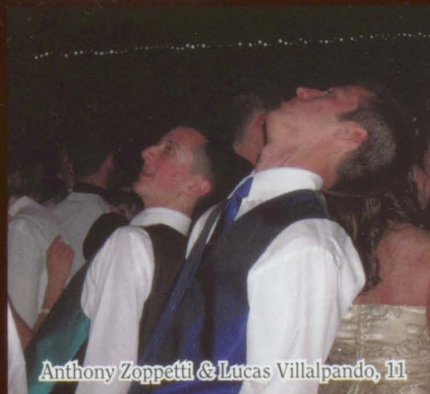
Joseph Wright, 11



Samuel Cowser, Maribeth Strong, 12
Andrew Schulte & Abbey Sittema, 11



Briar Smith & Brittany Stepp, 11



Anthony Zoppetti & Lucas Villalpando, 11



Mitchell Chorzempa, 11 & Kiana Letica, 10



Tyler Palmer & Vincent Lynch, 12



During Post Prom, seniors Daniel Hinchy, Sarah Axtell, Jacob Scholz, and junior Cassandra Shevock wait for their turn to bowl. "I enjoyed the go carts the most. They were really fun," said Scholz. Photo by B. Braden

[Post Prom Offers Fun]

Walking into the doors of Post Prom at midnight and receiving a free t-shirt was only the start of a fun three hours. Go-Carting, pool, air hockey, roller skating, arcade games, bowling, mini golfing, pizza, pop, and desserts were what kept teens going until 3 A.M.

165 students attended Post Prom at Inman's. "Life's a Beach" was not only the theme on the blue and orange shirts, it was the basis of the night which featured prize drawings in exchange for the \$20 price of admission.

Grand prize, a 32 inch flat screen TV, went out to junior Joseph Wright. "Winning the TV was awesome, the last name I expected to hear was mine," commented Wright. Other prize winners whose names were announced by Mrs. Kwiatkowski, included Dairy Queen gift cards, senior Nicole Jaki and junior Paige Myers.

The \$20 Family Express gas cards went

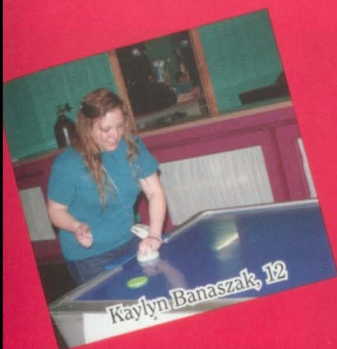
out to juniors Jamie Hanley, Brandon Franz and senior Muhammad Nadeen. Senior Brian Dunne took home a \$75 Family Express gas card along with juniors Asslie Clemente, Tessa Whitson, and Robert Fraticelli. A Kindle tablet was handed out to junior Nicole Lea. "It was an exciting feeling to finally win something. I love the tablet very much," commented Lea. Senior Ivy Pettit from Rensselaer High School took home the iPod.

In spite of a cold misty rain, teens dealt with the weather to play mini golf and race around the slick track in multi-colored go carts. "Even though I spun out and hit the wall plenty of times, racing the go carts was definitely the best part of the night," commented senior Sarah Axtell.

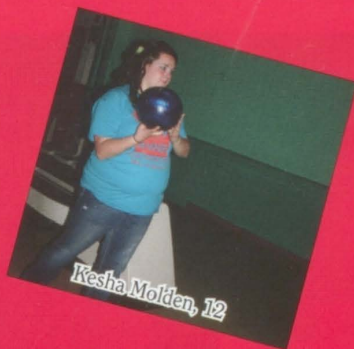
Under the direction of SADD sponsor, Mrs. Susan Kwiatkowski, Post Prom offered fun and friendship for the "three hour cruise" at Inmans.



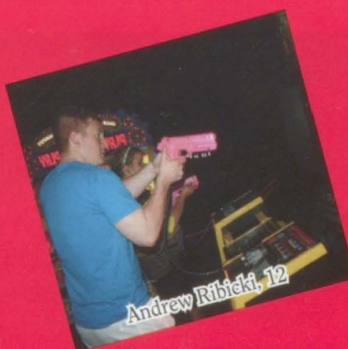
Jamie Hanley, 11



Kaylyn Banaszak, 12



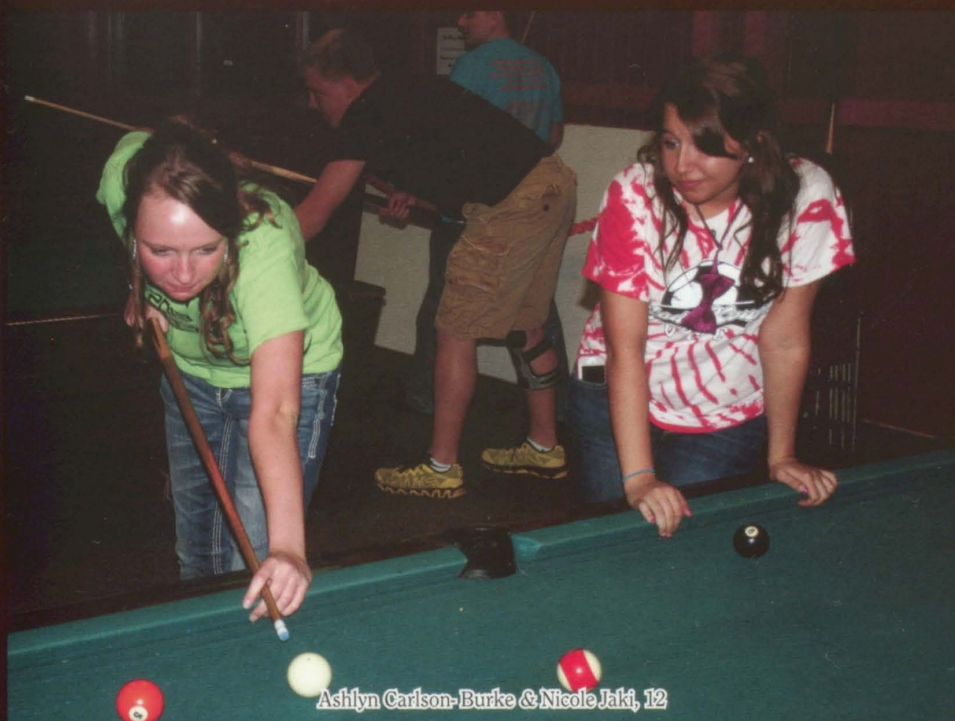
Kesha Molden, 12



Andrew Ribicki, 12



Erik Hamstra, 12



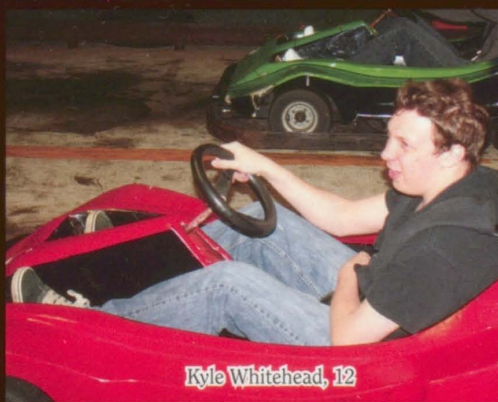
Ashlyn Carlson-Burke & Nicole Jaki, 12

While enjoying their night, seniors Nicole Jaki and Ashlyn Carlson-Burke play pool. "My favorite part of Post Prom was riding the go carts. I accidentally spun out and hit the wall three times," said Jaki. *Photo by B. Braden*

Junior Brianna Stahl plays in the arcade area. "I would have to say the arcade games were my favorite part of Post Prom. Even though we had to pay for them, it was worth it," said Stahl. *Photo by B. Braden*



Brian Dunne, 12 & Jamie Hanley, 11



Kyle Whitehead, 12



Sophomore Jason Borgman watches junior Jordan Wilcox concentrate and size up her shot. "Pool and the go karts were really fun. I found out that I was really good at both, and I really enjoyed myself all night," commented Wilcox. *Photo by B. Braden*



Kailani Tuono & Katie Cooper, 12



While playing "Just Dance" with Ms. Crystal Heuft and Mr. Shawn Lane, junior Alyssa Lunsford said "hanging out with friends, roller skating and eating, were my favorite parts about Post Prom." *Photo by B. Braden*

By: Brittany Braden



National Honors Society
Kaylyn Banaszak, Ryan Beere, Amelia Cobb, Jay Fieldhouse, Rylie Hoffman, Sophia Hufnagel, Nichole Jaki, Felicia Jones, Cari Knip, Hannah McDaniel, Mackenzie Misner, Brianna Niemiec, Taylor Nomanson, Shelby Schoon, Trevor Shelhart, Jacob Smith, Jennifer Sobierajski, Maribeth Strong, Alexis Tinkel, Brent VanSoest, Casey Voigt, & Jianfeng Zhong

Academic Team Awards
Academic Conference
All Conference 1st Team
Ryan Beere
Academic Conference
Honorable Mention
Trevor Shelhart

Band/Orchestra Awards
Band

Sarah Axtell, Ryan Beere, Candice Eck, Daniel Hinchy, Joshua Hudspeth, Jordan Kroll, Morgan Mann, Nina Maze, Kesha Molden, Jacob Scholz, Trevor Shelhart, Jeremy Vega, Jay Weaver

Orchestra
Bradley Ast, Jacob Cooper, Cari Knip, Morgan Mann, Nina Maze, Taylor Nomanson, Sean Valois, Jianfeng Zhong

Choir Awards
Choir Participation Award
(4 years in HS choir/2 years Concert Choir)

Emily Cwiklinski, Spencer Guerrero, Brittney Hale, Renee Jones, Trevor Shelhart, Nicole Wisneski

Outstanding Choir
Student Award
Trevor Shelhart
Nicole Wisneski

FFA Senior Sashes
Drew Clark, Christin Dahn, Brittany Hilton, Rylie Hoffman, Nathan Richie, Brooke Scheurich, Emily Tucker

FFA Scholarship
Emily Tucker



Jasper County Art League Award
Art Scholarships & Sketchbooks
Ashley Schultz - \$100

Blake Touhy - \$50

Mentor Awards
2 year medal recipients
Kaylyn Banaszak, Tyler Birky, Maranda Brown, Ashlyn Carlson-Burke, Kory Conner, Katlyn Cooper, Christin Dahn, Rylie Hoffman, Sophia Hufnagel, Nicole Jaki, James Johnson, Felicia Jones, Jordan Kroll, Lillian Luttringer, Hannah McDaniel, Sabrina Misiak, Mackenzie Misner, Brianna Niemiec, Haley Overby, Shelby Schoon, Cody Sekema, Trevor Shelhart, Maribeth Strong, Alexis Tinkel, Alyssa Tucker, Blake Tuohy, Brent VanSoest, Christine Wireman

One year award recipients
(were mentors as seniors)
Kaitlyn Boonstra, Drew Clark, Kristin Drenth, Candice Eck, Kayley Harper, Nina Maze, Ioannis Petsalis, Jennifer Sobierajski

Quill & Scroll Awards & Scholarships
Journalism Awards & Scholarships
KV Journalism Scholarships

Cody Bailey, Shelby Hurst, Alyssa Matson
Quill and Scroll Honor Cords:
Shelby Hurst, Alyssa Matson, Ioannis Petsalis, Miranda Retzlaff

Building Trades & Construction Material
Brett Armstrong, Nathan Bacherski, Joel Bolen, Tyler Craft, Brian Dunne, Anthony Ford, Darrell Holme, Thaddeus Horvath, Austin Johnson, Dakota Partin

Building and Welding Certificates
Frank Lapota



Welding Certificates
Jamie Gonzales, David Struble, Christopher Vorderer

United States Marine Scholastic Excellence Award
Male Recipient:
Ryan Beere
Female Recipient:
Jennifer Sobierajski

United States Marine Distinguished Athlete Award
Male Recipient:
Brent VanSoest
Female Recipient:
Maribeth Strong

United States Marine Semper Fidelis Award for Musical Excellence
Male Recipient:
Trevor Shelhart
Female Recipient:
Nina Maze

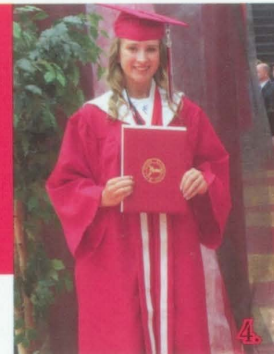
Perfect Attendance
Nicole Jaki (since third grade)

Northwest Crossroads Conference Male/Female Athlete of the Year Award
Maribeth Strong
Matthew Berdine

Northwest Crossroads Conference Scholar Athlete Team of the Year
Kaylyn Banaszak, Ryan Beere, Sophia Hufnagel, Mackenzie Misner, Jennifer Sobierajski, Maribeth Strong, Brent VanSoest

Super Senior Recognition
Alexis Tinkel, Alyssa Matson, Alyssa Tucker, Brent VanSoest, Brianna Niemiec, Maribeth Strong, Miranda Retzlaff, Nina Maze, Ryan Beere, Sophia Hufnagel

Foreign Exchange Student Recognition
Eva Maria Macierzynski



Saint Joseph's College Scholarships
Saint Joseph's Academic Scholarship
Maranda Brown
Ryan Postma

Arizona State University Scholarships
Felicia Jones

Ball State University Scholarships
John R. and Aline B. Emens Scholarship
Alexis Tinkle

Butler University Scholarships
Butler University Academic Scholarship
Ioannis Petsalis

Grace College Scholarships
Provost's Scholarship
Winona Merit Scholarship
Women's Softball Scholarship
Maribeth Strong

Indiana State University Scholarships
Academic Merit Scholarship & Indiana State University Laptop Award
Ashlyn Carlson-Burke

Indiana University Northwest Scholarships
Indiana University Northwest Special Academic Scholarship
Kristin Drenth
Emily Tucker
Indiana University Northwest Volleyball Scholarship
Sydney Pumnea
Indiana University Northwest Chancellor's Merit Scholarship
Brianna Niemiec



Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis Scholarships
Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis Dean of Faculties
Cari Knip
Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis Chancellor's
Casey Voigt
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Justin Eger
Haley Overby

Ivy Tech Community College Valedictorian Scholarship
Brent VanSoest

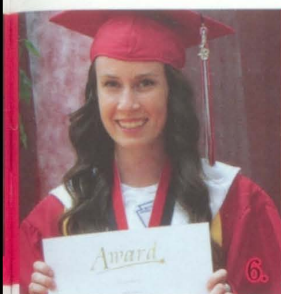
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Brent VanSoest
Presidential Scholarship
Shelby Schoon

Ella G. Bales Scholarship & Purdue General Scholarship
Alex Carlton
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Sophia Hufnagel

Ella G. Bales Scholarship, Purdue General Scholarship, & Purdue Incentive Scholarship
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Candice Eck

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John Morrison



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NorthWest District Indiana
Federation of Clubs Gen-
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Clubs Nurse's Scholarship
Maribeth Strong
Four Year College
Scholarship
Maribeth Strong



Top Ten Seniors

1. Jennifer Sobierajski
(Secretary)
2. Ryan Beere
3. Sophia Hufnagel
(Salutatorian)
4. Alexis Tinkel
5. Kaylyn Banaszak
6. Shelby Schoon
(Class President)
7. Candice Eck
8. Maribeth Strong
(Treasurer)
9. Jacob Smith
10. Brent Van Soest
(Valedictorian)

Valparaiso University
Valparaiso Alumni Scholar-
ship & Presidential
Scholarship
Amelia Cobb
Valparaiso Hesse Scholar-
ship & Presidential
Scholarship
Jay Fieldhouse
Presidential Scholarship
Rylie Hoffman
Mackenzie Misner
Jacob Smith
Valparaiso Alumni Scholar-
ship & Valparaiso Honors
Scholarship
Cody Miller
Valparaiso University Math-
ematics and Science Educa-
tion Enrollment and Devel-
opment Scholarship
Kaylyn Banaszak

Craig A Blann Scholarship
Brooke Scheurich

Taylor Cavinder Memorial
Scholarship
Brianna Niemiec

Centier Banking
Scholarship
Brianna Niemiec

DeMotte American Legion
and Son's of the Legion
Scholarship

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Jay Fieldhouse, Hayley Hoff-
man, Rylie Hoffman, Shelby
Hurst, Miranda Retzlaff,
Brooke Scheurich, Shelby
Schoon, Alexis Tinkel

DeMotte American Legion
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Keshia Molden, Shelby Hurst

Elk's Most Valuable Stu-
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Maribeth Strong

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Sarah Axtell

KVHS Athletic Booster
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Little Cousin Jasper
Community Service
Scholarship
Maribeth Strong

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Scholarships
Alexis Tinkel
Leanne Delinsky

Kaylah Sutton Memorial
Scholarship
Katlyn Cooper

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Kelsey Eenigenburg

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Scholarship
Emily Tucker

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State, County, & Munici-
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Scholarship
Tyler Black

Duke Energy Scholarship
Tyler Black

Indiana/Kentucky/Ohio
Regional Council Of Car-
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Scholarship
Ryan Beere

Daughters of the American
Revolution Good Citizen
Award & Scholarship
Alexis Tinkel

Educational License Plate
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Alexis Tinkel

Jasper County REMC Ne-
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Emily Tucker

Kankakee Valley Teacher's
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Alexis Tinkel

Indiana 4-H Foundation
Senior Year Scholarships
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Alexis Tinkel

James W. & Betty Dye
Scholarship
Shelby Schoon

NiSource Employee
Scholarship
Shelby Schoon

Jasper County Republican
Women Scholarship
Maribeth Strong

Indiana Carpenters Local
Union 1005 Scholarship
Hayley Hoffman

The Safeway Group
Scholarship
Hayley Hoffman

Mitch Daniels Early Gradu-
ation Scholarship
Amelia Cobb
Cari Knip

DeMotte-Kankakee Valley
Rotary Scholarship
Maribeth Strong
Jacob Smith

Partnership for Drug Free
Jasper County
Trevor Shelhart

Belstra Milling Scholarship
Maribeth Strong

Kankakee Valley
Community Scholarships
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Jordan Kroll, Maribeth Strong,
Alexis Tinkel, Brent VanSoest

Brian Berg
Memorial Scholarship
Sophia Hufnagel

Wilbert Hamstra
Scholarship
Brooke Scheurich

Grace Pampel Education
Scholarship
Brent VanSoest

Hope Scholarship
Maribeth Strong

Dr. Cecil E. & Mrs. Gladys
Johnson Memorial
Scholarship
Hayley Hoffman, Keshia Mold-
en, Kelsey Kordys, Brianna Ni-
emiec, Brooke Scheurich, Shel-
by Schoon, Maribeth Strong

A W A R D S

Class of 2013

Academic Honors Diploma Recipients:

Gage Abbring, Sarah Axtell, Kaylyn Banaszak, Alysia Beenes, Tyler Black, Terry Boufis, Ashlyn Carlson-Burke, Luis Cazares, Christopher Clark, Amelia Cobb, Katlyn Cooper, Evan Croft, Kristin Drenth, Candice Eck, Kelsey Eenigenburg, Justin Eger, Laura Estrada, Lindsey Fenstermaker, Kayla Gilbert, Carlie Guritz, Brittney Hale, Kayley Harper, Brandon Hazlett, Hayley Hoffman, Rylie Hoffman, Sophia Hufnagel, Shelby Hurst, Nicole Jaki, Felicia Jones, Coral Justice, Cari Knip, Jordan Kroll, Rachel Krupa, Lillian Luttringer, Alyssa Matson, Nina Maze, Hannah McDaniel, Matthew Mezzacapo, Cody Miller, William Misch, Mackenzie Misner, Kesha Molden, Nicole Mosher, Brianna Niemiec, Taylor Nomanson, Haley Overby, Ioannis Pet-salis, Taurie Piatt, Sydney Pumnea, Miranda Retzlaff, Stephanie Scally, Brooke Scheurich, Shelby Schoon, Cody Shindle, Maribeth Strong, Alexis Tinkel, Alyssa Tucker, Emily Tucker, Brent VanSoest, Casey Voigt, Kyle Whitehead, Andrea Wireman, Cella Wireman, Nicole Wisneski, Jianfeng Zhong

Technical Honors Diploma Recipients:

Samuel Jonkman, John Morrison, Ryan Nichols, Ryan Postma, Kyle Stuhlmacher, Trevor White

Academic Honors Technical Honors Diploma Recipients

Ryan Beere, Matthew Berdine, Joel Bolen, Alex Carlton, Kody Conner, Kory Conner, Jay Fieldhouse, Brandon Mihalovits, Andrew Ribicki, Austin Sanders, Trevor Shelhart, Jacob Smith, Jennifer Sobierajski, Beau Tauber



Academic Honors Diploma Recipients



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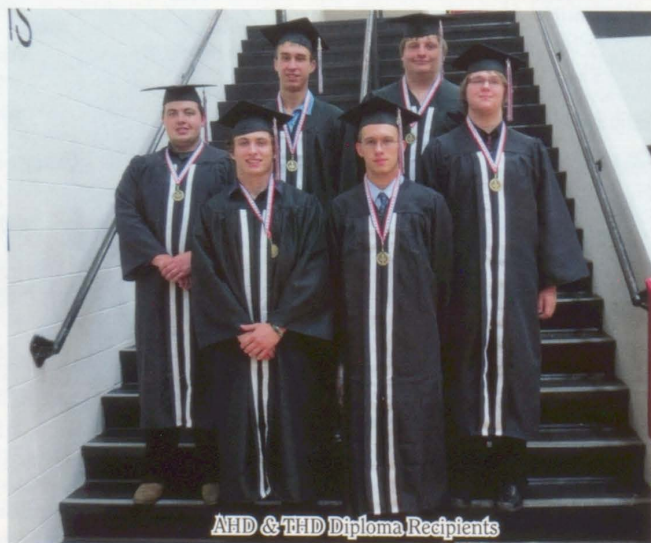
Four Year College Scholarships



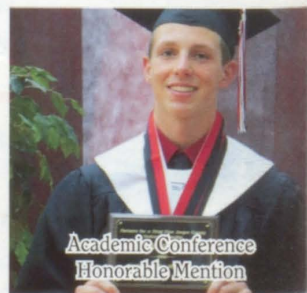
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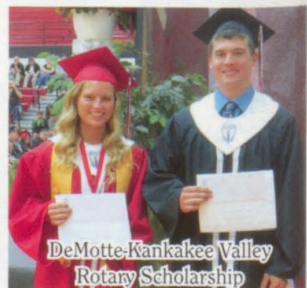
Technical Honors Diploma Recipients



AHD & THD Diploma Recipients



Academic Conference Honorable Mention



DeMotte-Kankakee Valley Rotary Scholarship

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-Ralph Waldo Emerson*



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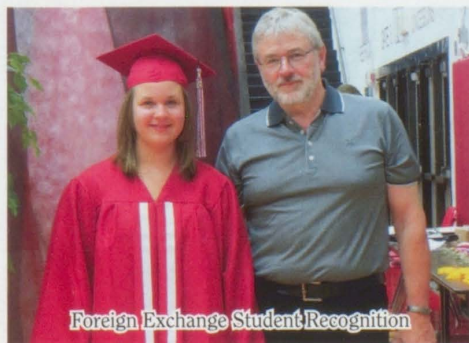
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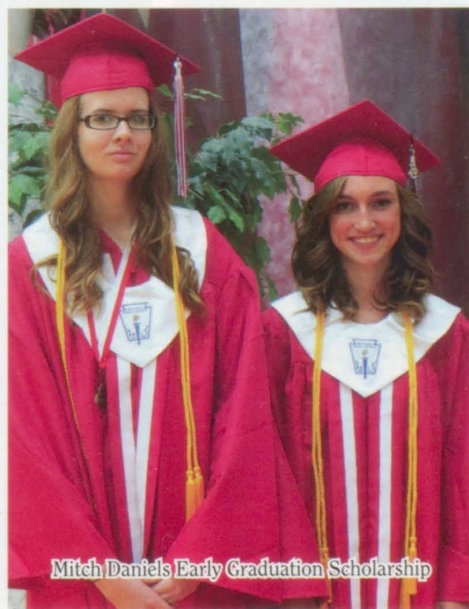
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Mitch Daniels Early Graduation Scholarship

[217 Graduates Look to Bright Future]

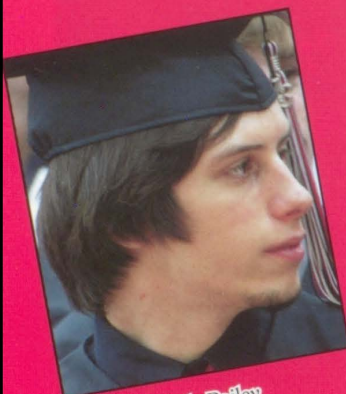
"This is the Moment" was not only the choir's final tribute to the Class of 2013, it was the main emotion on June 9 as 217 seniors made their final walk across the stage in their red and black gowns. After a welcome by Principal Keeman Lobsiger, Salutatorian Sophia Hufnagel reminded the class of the importance of friendship and family as graduates embarked on a new stage in their lives. She also thanked teachers for their encouragement.

Valedictorian Brent VanSoest took the podium and shared his first place ranking with his classmates as he recounted the intelligence of Ryan Beere who will be an electrical engineer and Trevor Shelhart who amazed him with his volume of knowledge, as well as Shelby Schoon who plans to 'hold our lives in her hands' as an anesthesiologist. He closed his "short" address with mention of Dr. Seuss who thought "outside the box" and chal-

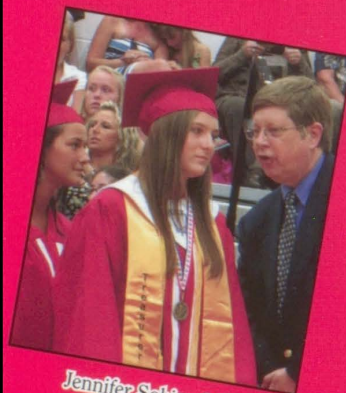
lenged his classmates to 'get up and get involved' because 'everyone can make a difference'.

After the band's musical medley of tunes from "The Lion King", Class President Shelby Schoon took the podium. She went on to share memories of seniors rushing the football field and the gym floor after they won the Homecoming Spirit Stick. As she closed her address, she reminded the class that like in "The Lion King 2", "We are One, you and I. We are like the earth and the sky, one family under the sun. All the wisdom to lead, all the courage that you need, you will find when you see We are One."

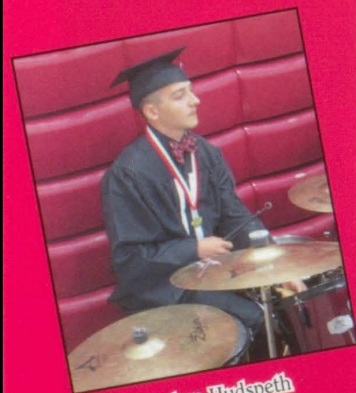
Painted onto the stage backdrop was not only a large Kougat, but the class motto by Ralph Waldo Emerson, "What lies behind us and what lies ahead of us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us." Seniors were under the leadership of Ms. Hallie Chicki and Mr. Greg Oliver.



Cody Bailey



Jennifer Sobierajski
& Mr. Robert Heid



Joshua Hudspeth



Carlie Guritz & Dillon Grace

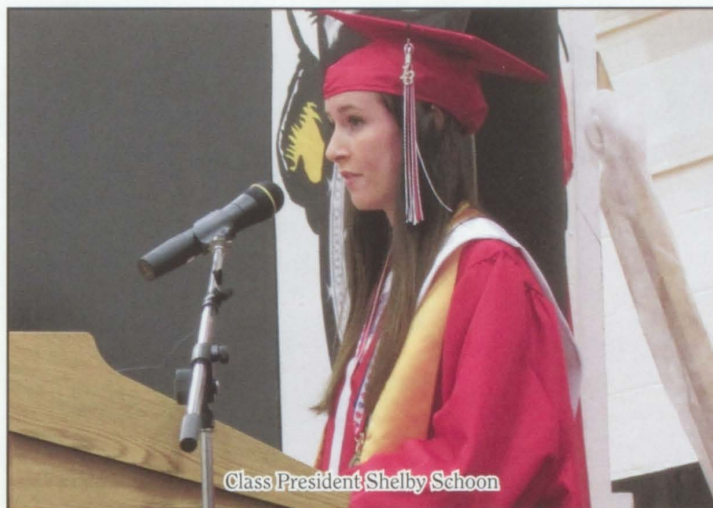


Seniors stand at the end of the ceremony as Principal Lobsiger announces to Superintendent Sanelli that the Class of 2013 has officially met all qualifications to become graduates of KVHS. Graduates had to move their tassels from the left side to the right to show that they have graduated.

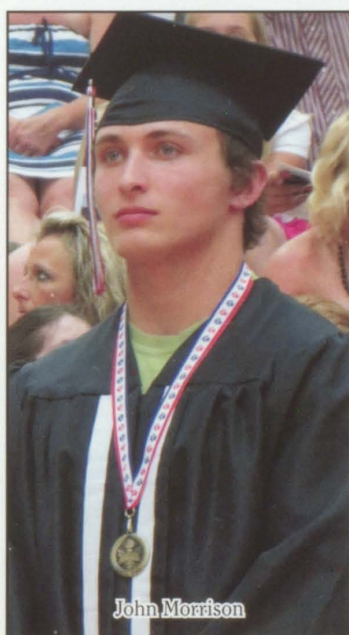
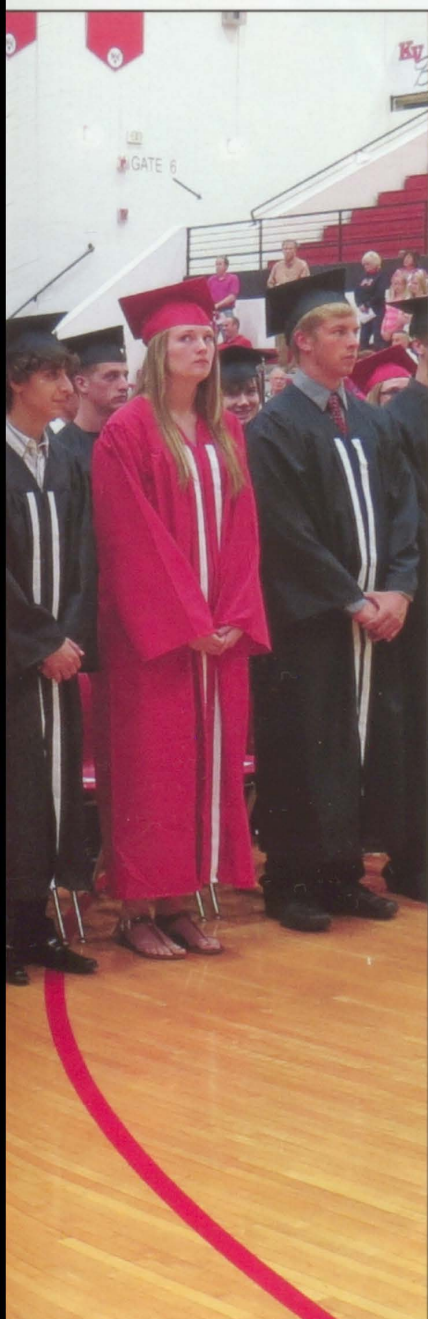


Heather DeWitt receives her diploma from Superintendent Sharon Sanelli. After walking off the stage, DeWitt received a red and white carnation. "Graduating is something I've looked forward

to my whole life. Walking on that stage to get my diploma was a great feeling. It's going to be sad to leave everyone, but it's a new chapter in my life that I can finally begin," said DeWitt.



Class President Shelby Schoon



John Morrison

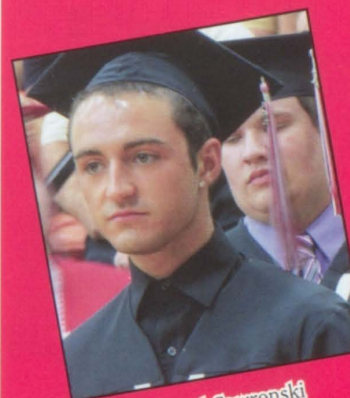


Lillian Luttringer

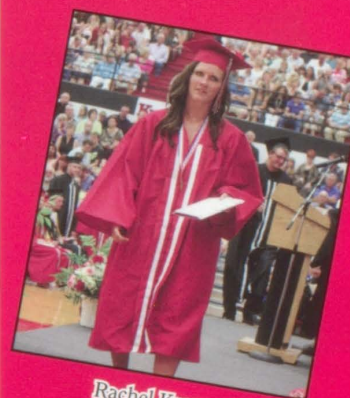


Mrs. Lisa Falletto leads the Concert Choir in "This is the Moment" which talked about the importance of today. Senior choir members included Renee

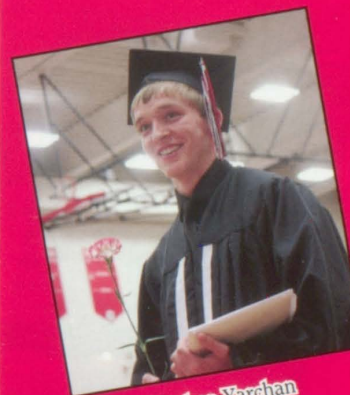
Jones, Nicole Wisneski, Brittney Hale, Emily Cwiklinski, Spencer Guerrero, Dillon Kerns, Vincent Lynch, Eva Macierzynski, Trevor Shelhart, and Jay Weaver.



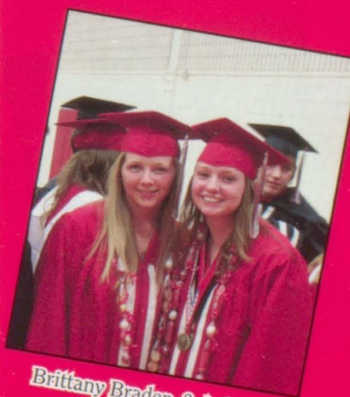
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Rachel Krupa



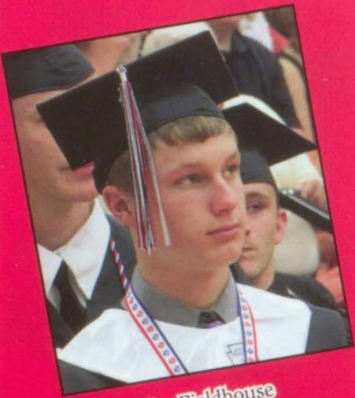
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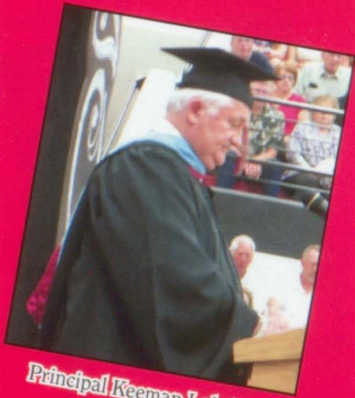
Brittany Braden & Ashlyn Carlson-Burke

Spread By: Ashley Warren and Tatiana Adams

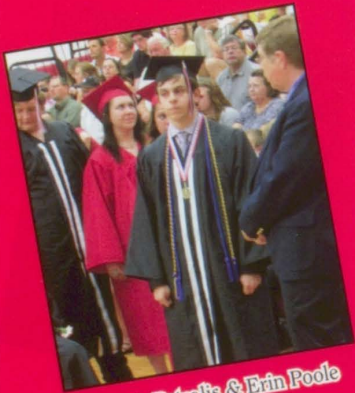
[Speakers Develop Importance of Friendship]



Jay Fieldhouse



Principal Keeman Lobsiger



Ioannis Petsalis & Erin Poole



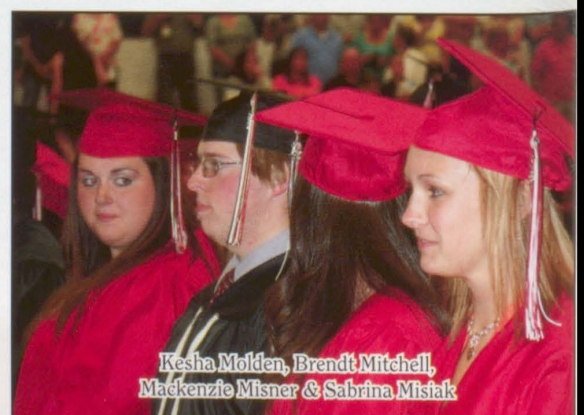
Emily Cwiklinski



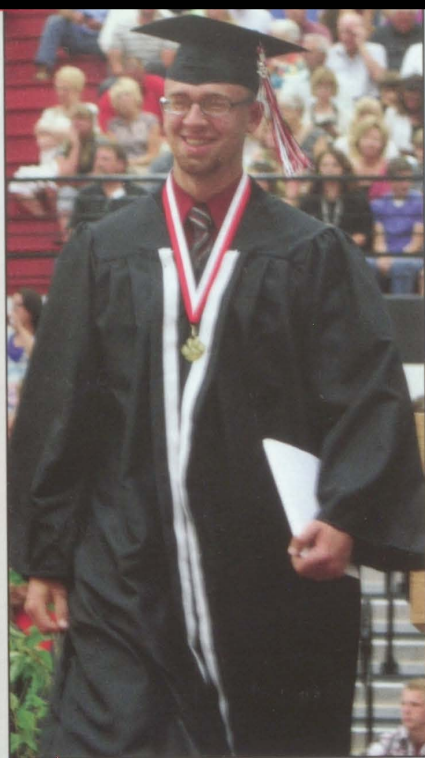
Kayley Haper receives her diploma and carnation along with flowers her family had given her as she walked off stage.



Cari Knip & Jake Kistler

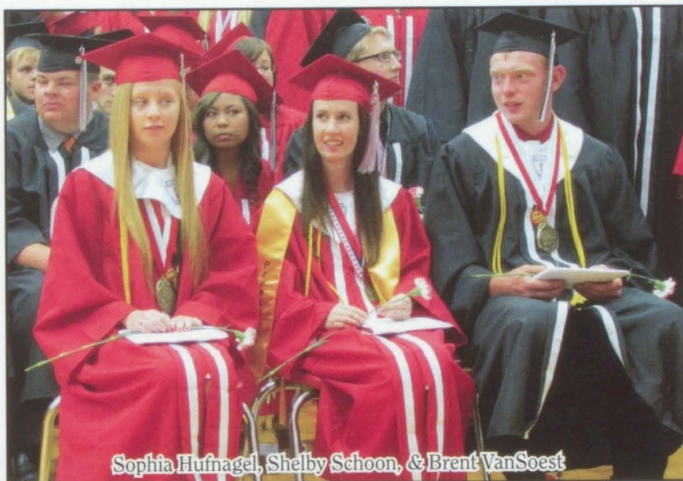


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Mackenzie Misner & Sabrina Misiak

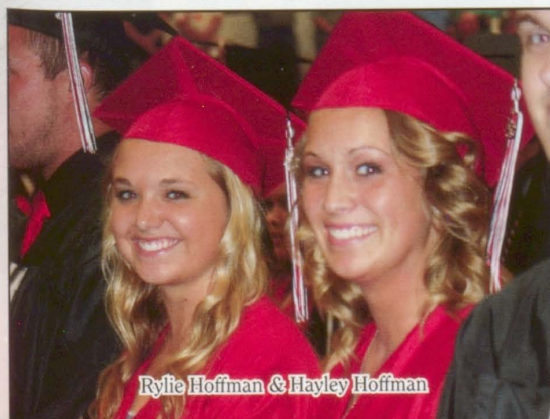


After receiving his diploma, Jay Weaver proudly walks across the stage to get his carnation from Junior Class Officers Tatiana Adams, Timothy Schoonveld, or Abbey Sittema. "Walking in front of all the people and earning my diploma was the most amazing feeling a person could have. I felt so accomplished, and that all my hard

work in the last four years had finally paid off. Everything I have worked so hard for has finally all come together. That little piece of paper meant so much to me, and I will remember this moment for the rest of my life," explained Weaver. Weaver's words reiterated the feelings of his classmates who also received signed diplomas.



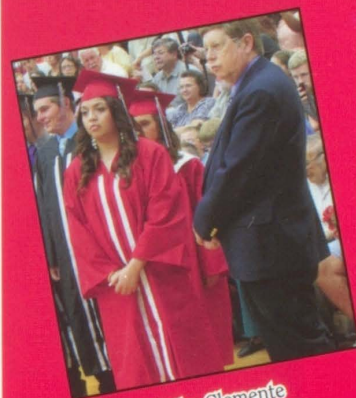
Sophia Hufnagel, Shelby Schoon, & Brent VanSoest



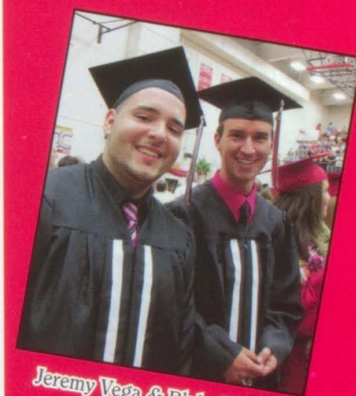
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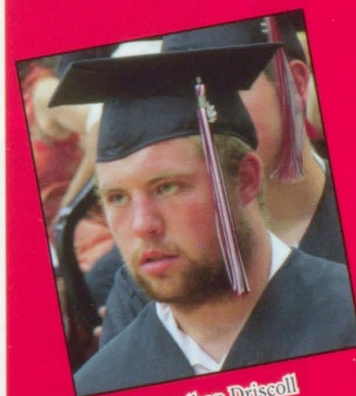
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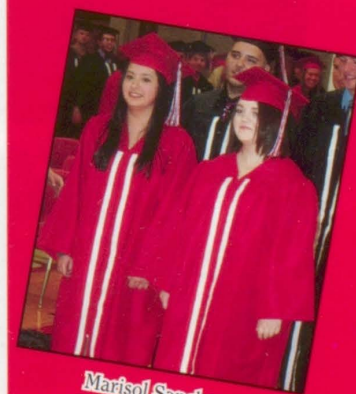
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Jeremy Vega & Blake Tuohy



Jonathon Driscoll



Marisol Sanchez
& Stephanie Sabol

Spread By: Tatiana Adams
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[Teachers and Students Shine Together]

By Tatiana Adams

On April 11, 10 acts took the auditorium by storm at the annual Student Teacher Talent Show.

Taking first place with the group "Tiemens' Terminators" consisting of Mrs. Tiemens on piano and fellow singer freshman Alyssa Serviss, senior Brittney Hale gushed, "I was so excited when I found out our group had won. I really didn't think we were going to. When we did, it made it that much more exciting."

Honorable mentions included the band "Dimensional Analysis", Pam VanderWoude featuring Mrs. Chicki,

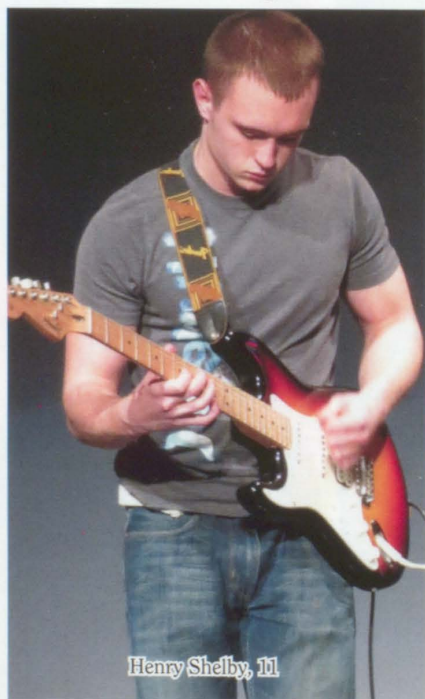
and Mrs. Patrick and Katherine Means with their improv skit.

Musical talents dominated the show. Some performances were touching such as that of "Tiemens' Terminators", while others proved to be whimsical like Mr. Lane who performed vocals for the band "Dimensional Analysis" with musical juniors Lucas Villalpando, Robert Fraticelli, and Stephen Sholey, and freshman Ranen Toosley.

Although the audience enjoyed the musical aspect of the show, they were moved to thunderous laughter during the improvisational skit by

Mrs. Patrick and sophomore Katherine Means with guest star Mr. Lane. Choosing also to pursue a comical act, Mr. Warner worked with senior Kristin Drenth. Warner's skit focused on his attempt to take a decent picture for a job interview at KVHS. Throughout the skit, Warner made various amusing faces which were then displayed on a projector.

Judges Mr. Lovely, Mrs. Kingma, and Mr. Martin determined the acts fit to be judged by the audience, who then for the first time in judging history texted in their vote.



Henry Shelby, 11

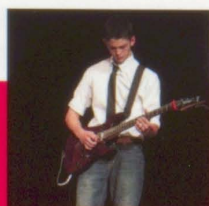
Junior Kaylin Orsburn and sophomores Paige Maki and Jenna Musall laugh with the judges after their performance of "The Cup Song" from the movie *Pitch Perfect*. "My favorite part of the talent show was getting to spend time with Mrs. Welch and the rest of our gang. It felt good to give Mrs. Welch a great memory from the school year before she had her baby," commented Maki.



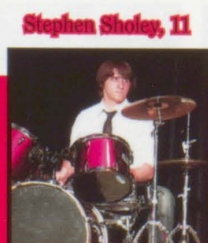
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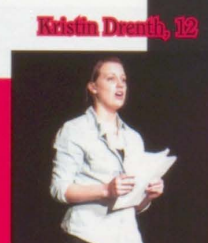
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Stephen Sholey, 11



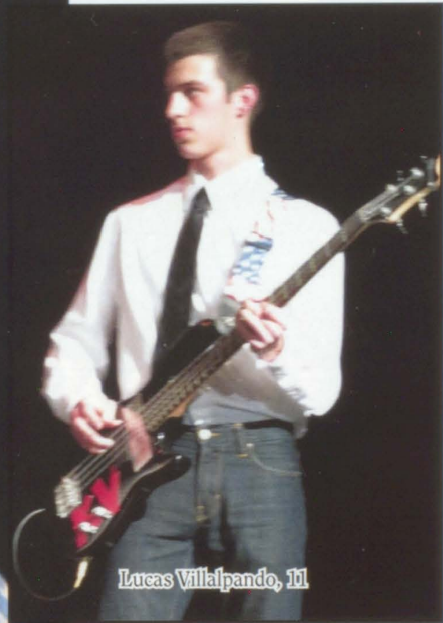
Mrs. Laura Patrick



Kristin Drenth, 12

Left: Pam VanderWoude

MC's Ioannis Petsalis & Lillian Luttringer, 12



Lucas Villalpando, 11



Mr. Paul Epley & Patrick Snow-Counterme, 12



Alyssa Serviss, 9

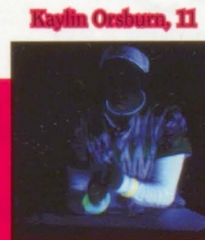
Katherine Means, 10



Mr. Shawn Lane



Miranda Dodge, 11



Kaylin Orsburn, 11



Brionna Johnson, 9



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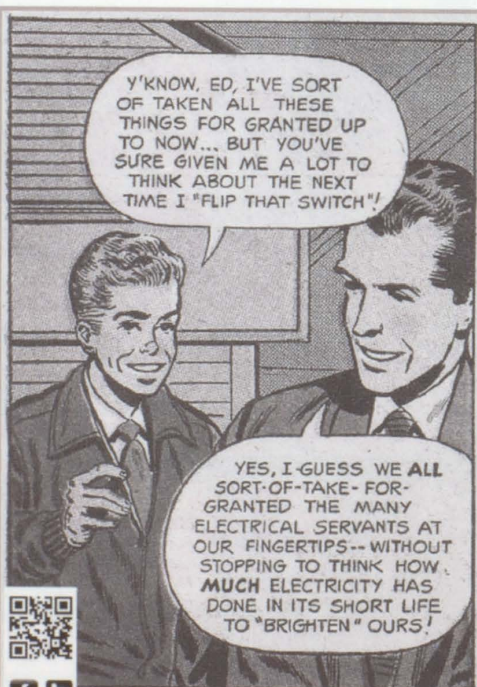
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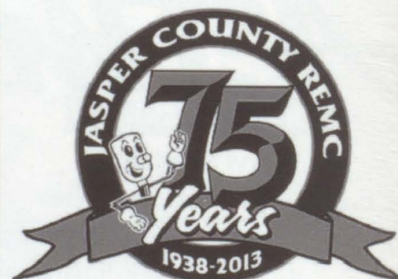
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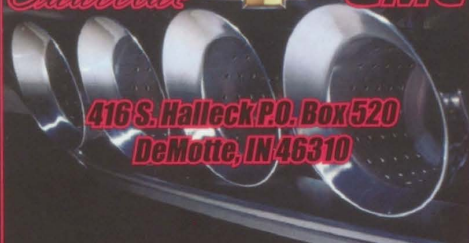
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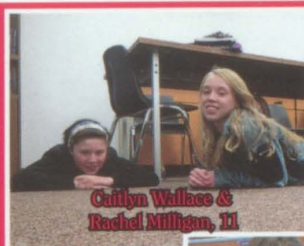
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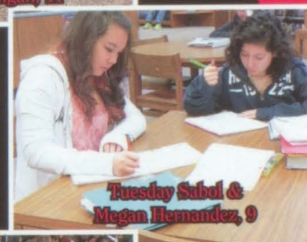


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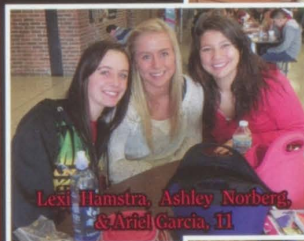


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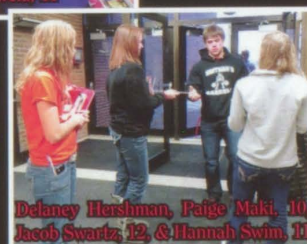
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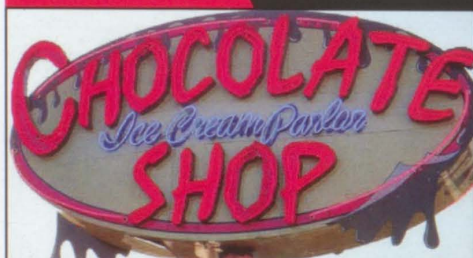
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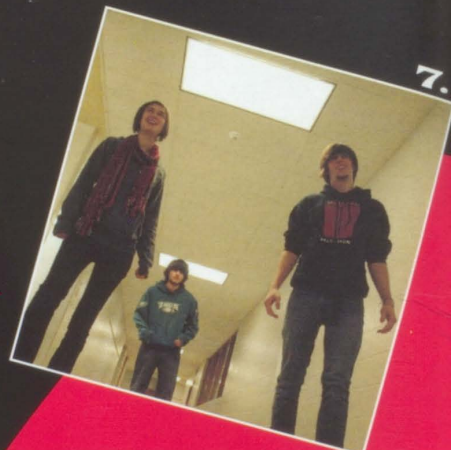
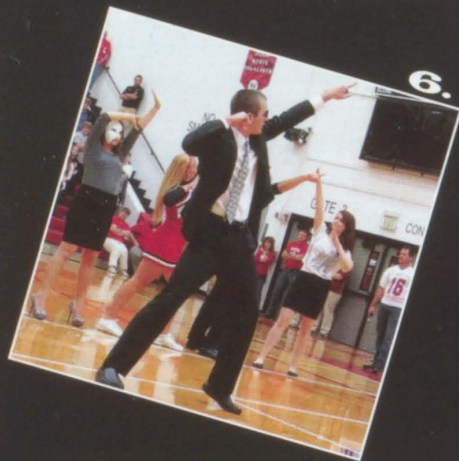
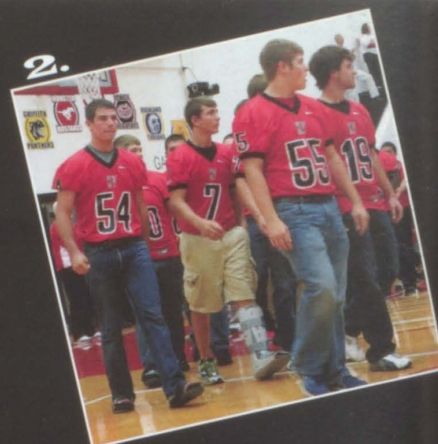
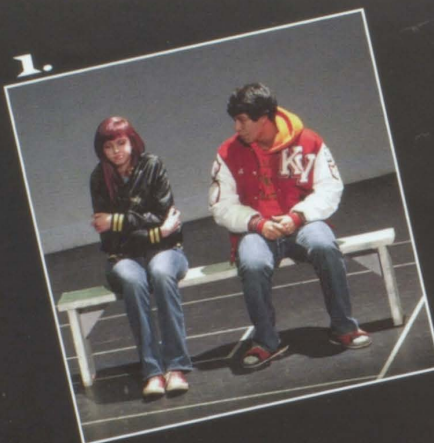


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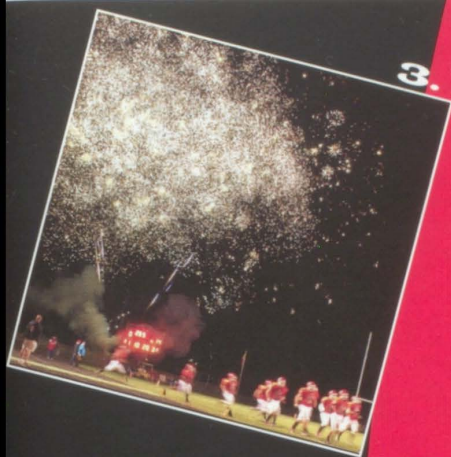


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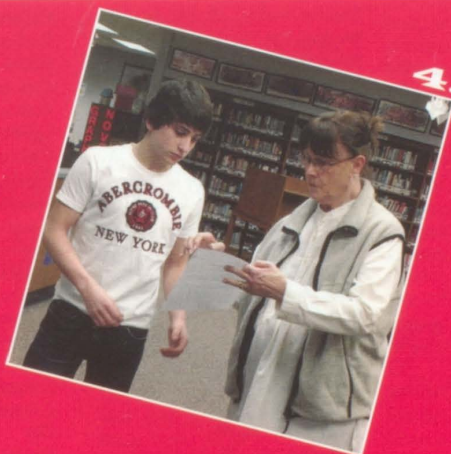


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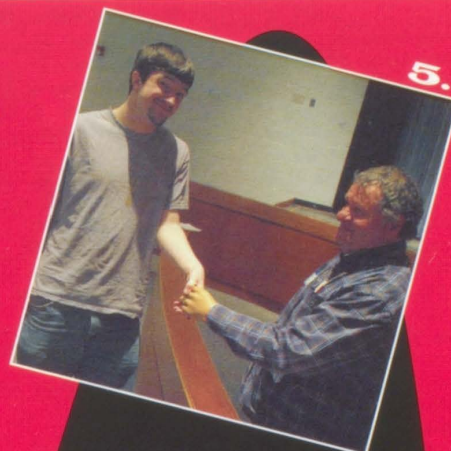
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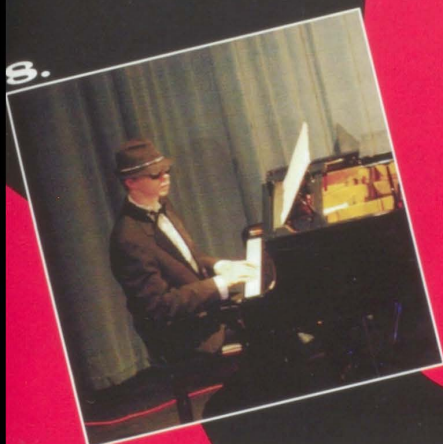
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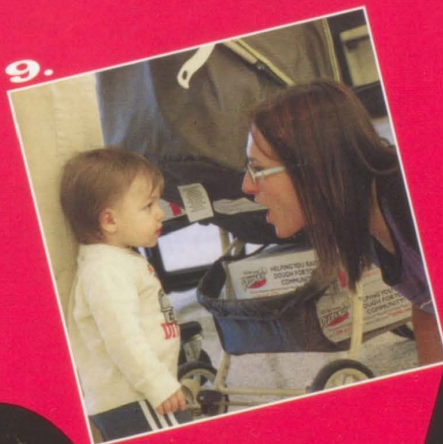
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Kougar Pride Volume 43 was produced by the yearbook class at Kankakee Valley High School in Wheatfield, IN with adviser Kathy McKinney and Co-Editors Alyssa Matson and Shelby Hurst completing the leadership team.

Pride was printed by Herff Jones in Edwardsville, Kansas and serviced by Inplant Lisa Merino and local representative Betty Samples.

The cover was designed by Shelby Hurst and Alyssa Matson, and was a representation of the theme and the school by using a stream of cut-outs and banners to match the theme of the "180 Day Challenge".

Endsheets, designed by Ashley Warren and Michael Roth, portrayed quotes from students about their toughest challenges in school and life.

Pride's 200 pages were printed in full four color on 100 pound bordeaux special gloss paper. All body copy was set in 11pt AHJ English Serif type font. Captions were in 9pt set in AHJ Clearface type font. Headline font size varied, but was set in AHJ News Gothic type font. Pride was desk top published using Adobe InDesign CS5 on LED Technology Acer/Dell computers.

Thousands of pictures were taken with three Canon Rebel XTi digital cameras. Senior pictures were taken by Spark Shot Studios, and Underclass Photos were provided by Interstate Studios.

At publication, about 400 yearbooks had been sold at a cost of \$60-65, depending the date of purchase.

Kougar Pride Staff was a member of the JEA, NSPA, Q&S, and IHSPA. Pride Staff was awarded an "Excellent" review from Harvey along with awards received by the staff, and also winning first place for overall sports section.

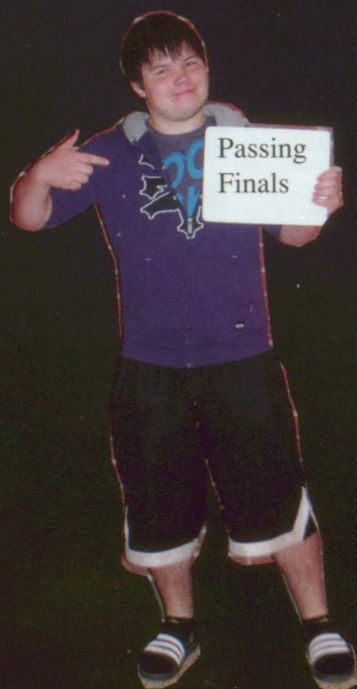
This book has been produced by high school journalism students. In spite of numerous proof readings by the students, the editors, the adviser, and the administrators, there may be errors none of which were intentional.



Participating in the Winter Pep Session, freshman Andrew Hamstra and Joshua Weaver fight to win the relay race. The race consisted of pulling your partner down the gym floor on a sheet, ripping out all of the tissues from a tissue box, wrapping your partner in toilet paper, fitting two people in a t-shirt, spinning in a circle 10 times, and making a basket. The winner then ran to the end of the race and pulled a confetti cannon. Photo by K. McKinney

[Saying Good-bye]

By: Miranda Retzlaff



As the final days counted down, students crammed for finals, said their final good-byes, and made big plans for summer. Students had an eventful year filled with new friends, new ideas, and new activities.

Students and faculty ended the year with a walk for Mrs. Diane Cavinder's fight against Pancreatic Cancer. "Walking for Mrs. Cavinder was a lot of fun for the students. They had music playing the whole time we were walking and then we got to participate in a group photo," said freshman Patience Baggerly. Students brought in \$5 and got the chance to go outside on May 10 and walk on the track for an hour.

Hosting the College Fair was a new experience for many of the students. Thirty-five colleges, technical schools, and Armed Services from Indiana came to teach and inform students in the Jasper/Pulaski area about the services and classes that were offered.

Junior Robert Kuhn was named the Jasper County REMC representative to go to Washington D.C. to travel the city and go to the annual ball. Kuhn had to write an essay and fill out an application in order to be eligible.

1000 pound club included Freshman Joseph Partin, juniors Keegan Higgins, Robert Augillin, sophomore Tyler Pritt, Jacob DeSimini, junior Michael Roth, sophomore John Williams, junior Matthew Myers, juniors Dylan Eckenrod, and Brandyn Misch. Members must be able to lift over 1000 pounds on three combined lifts: squat, bench press, and power clean.

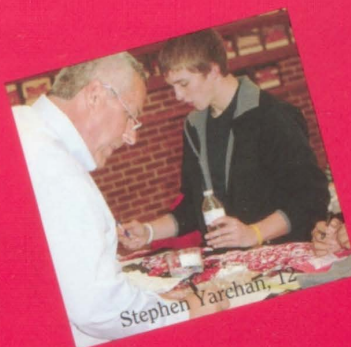
Junior Christopher Berns and senior Miranda Retzlaff won awards from Women's Press Club for their newspaper and yearbook accomplishments. "Winning second place in my Environmental story encouraged me to write better, so I can win first place next year," commented Berns.



Kougar Mascot



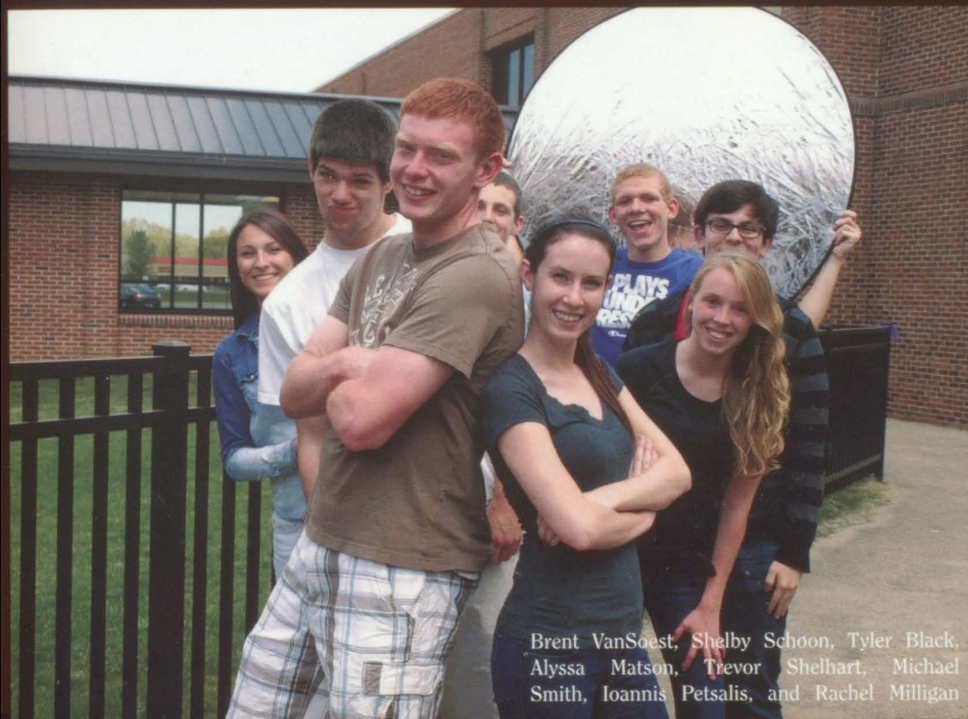
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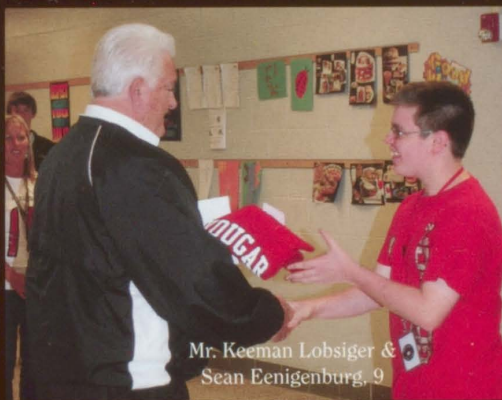


Brent VanSoest, Shelby Schoon, Tyler Black, Alyssa Matson, Trevor Shelhart, Michael Smith, Ioannis Petsalis, and Rachel Milligan

Below: The College Fair gives students one-on-one interaction with representatives from their potential colleges and universities. It gave students the opportunity to ask important questions about campus life, academics, extra-curriculars, scholarships, and more. "The college fair really opened my eyes to all the possibilities for my future. I found a lot of new and interesting schools that I never even thought about attending before," said junior Joseph Wright. Photo by A. Warren



Kailani Tuono, & Maribeth Strong, 12



Mr. Keeman Lobsiger & Sean Eenigenburg, 9



Above: Presenting their AP U.S. History World War II, juniors Miranda Dodge and Taitum Caggiano teach the class how to swing dance. "Our presentation was very fun to put together. The best part was teaching the class how to swing dance because even Mrs. Price gave it a shot!" said Caggiano. Photo by M. Dodge



Taylor Bacewic, 9



Tyler Pritt, 10



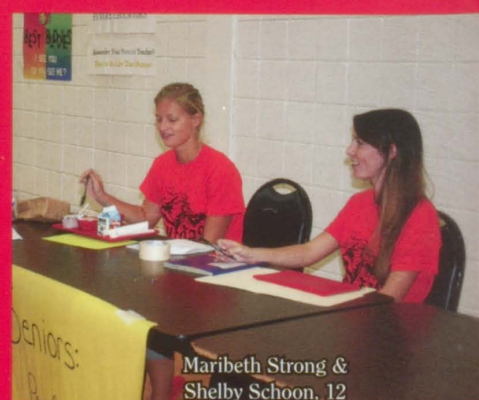
Senior Joshua Hudspeth talks to incoming freshmen about joining the Armed Forces. "Being in the military has given me the confidence and will to find the real me and grow as a proper U.S. Citizen. I am happy to be able to use the skills learned from the military and pass it on to the younger kids," said Hudspeth. Photo by K. McKinney



Mrs. Ashley Welch & Courtney Brzezinski, 11



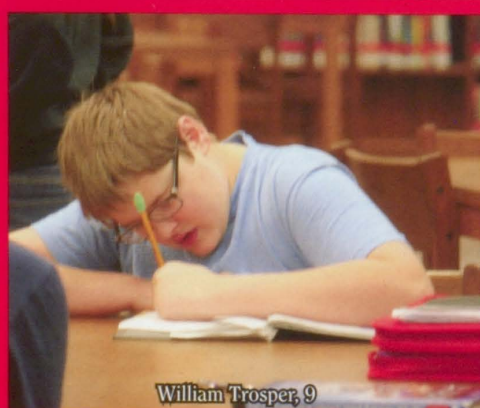
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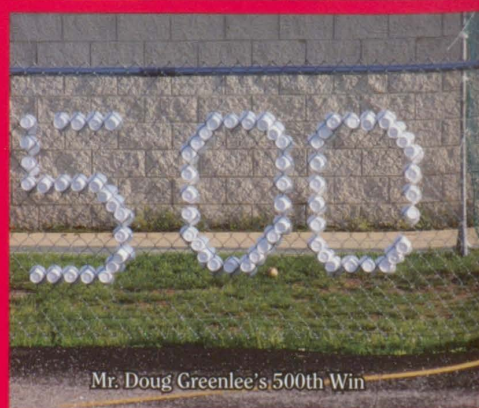
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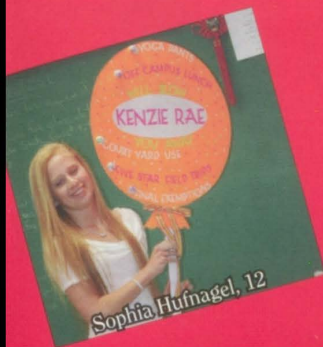
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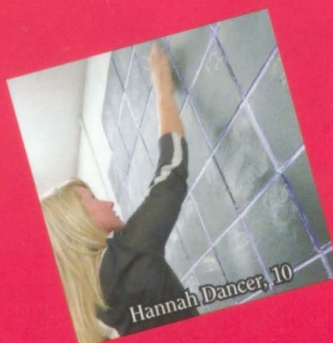
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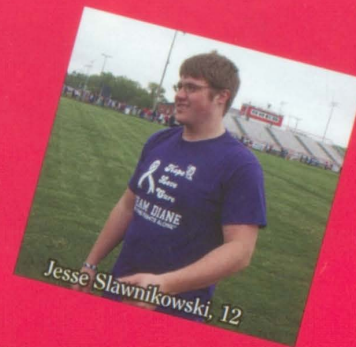
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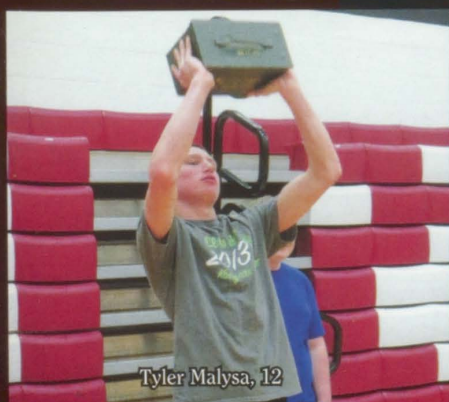


Jesse Slawnikowski, 12



Mr. Ron Cates &
Hunter DeHaan, 10

Practicing A.L.I.C.E. training, juniors Rachel Milligan and Caitlin Wallace lie on the ground to keep out of sight. A.L.I.C.E. stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate. This program was taught throughout the whole system. "With this new training that was put in place, it gave me a better sense of security during school hours," said Milligan. Students were taught what to do in case of an intruder in the school. *Photo by C. Berns*



Tyler Malysa, 12



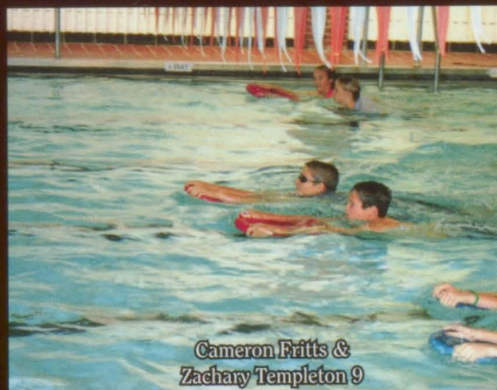
Robert Svitek, Alejandro Infante,
Toni Stoermann, 11



Juniors Hannah Misch and Madison DeYoung participate in a variety of "Ice-breakers" at the annual Freshman Mentor Training. "Training day was something I looked forward to all year long. It's fun, exciting, and full of surprises! Each year we learned more helpful things to use on our freshmen, and the dance is always a blast," said DeYoung. *Photo by T. Kingma*



Kesha Molden
& Kaitlin Boonstra 12



Cameron Fritts &
Zachary Templeton 9

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Seniors Give Final Goodbyes



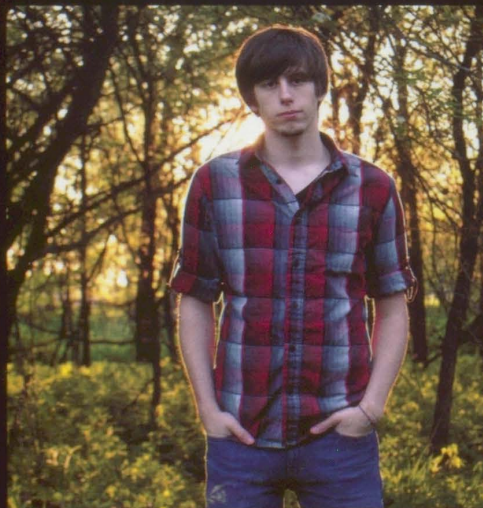
"Family and stress are the two best words to sum up yearbook. Without my fellow 'Yerds', I wouldn't be the person I am today. Becoming a co-editor my senior year with Alyssa strengthened my friendship with her, as well as among all of the staffers. Yearbook is a memory that I will keep forever. Then, there is Mrs. McKinney. She is a wonderful, caring, and inspiring woman who never gives up no matter what life throws at her. I love all of you guys, and I wouldn't trade this experience for the world. I would just like to thank you all for standing by my side through everything," commented Shelby Hurst.

"In my last three years of high school, I decided to take a class called Yearbook. It's that class where when you walk through that door, you're home. This class has taught me everything from patience to responsibility. Without my co-editor, Shelby, I don't know what I would do with the stress of proofs and deadlines. With her by my side, our friendship grew stronger. Mrs. McKinney, thank you for everything you have done, and all the time you have put into this book. It would've never gotten done without you. All my fellow 'Yerds', you truly were the highlight of my high school. I'm going to miss my crazy, loud, and unique Yearbook family," said Alyssa Matson.



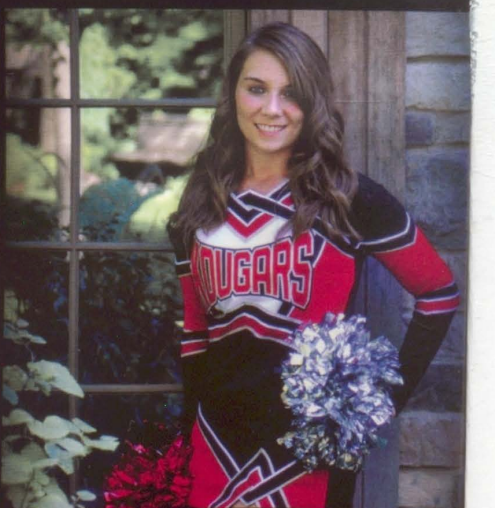
"Even though this is my first year in yearbook I can honestly say it was my favorite class throughout high school. It taught me that hard work does pay off. I love all my fellow 'Yerds' and I'm going to miss this class. At the beginning of the year I thought this class would be easy, but I've learned taking pictures, writing copy, and getting quotes is very stressful and takes time. I can't thank Mrs. McKinney enough for never giving up on us. I can't wait to see my name on the spreads that I put so much hard work and dedication into," said Brittany Braden.

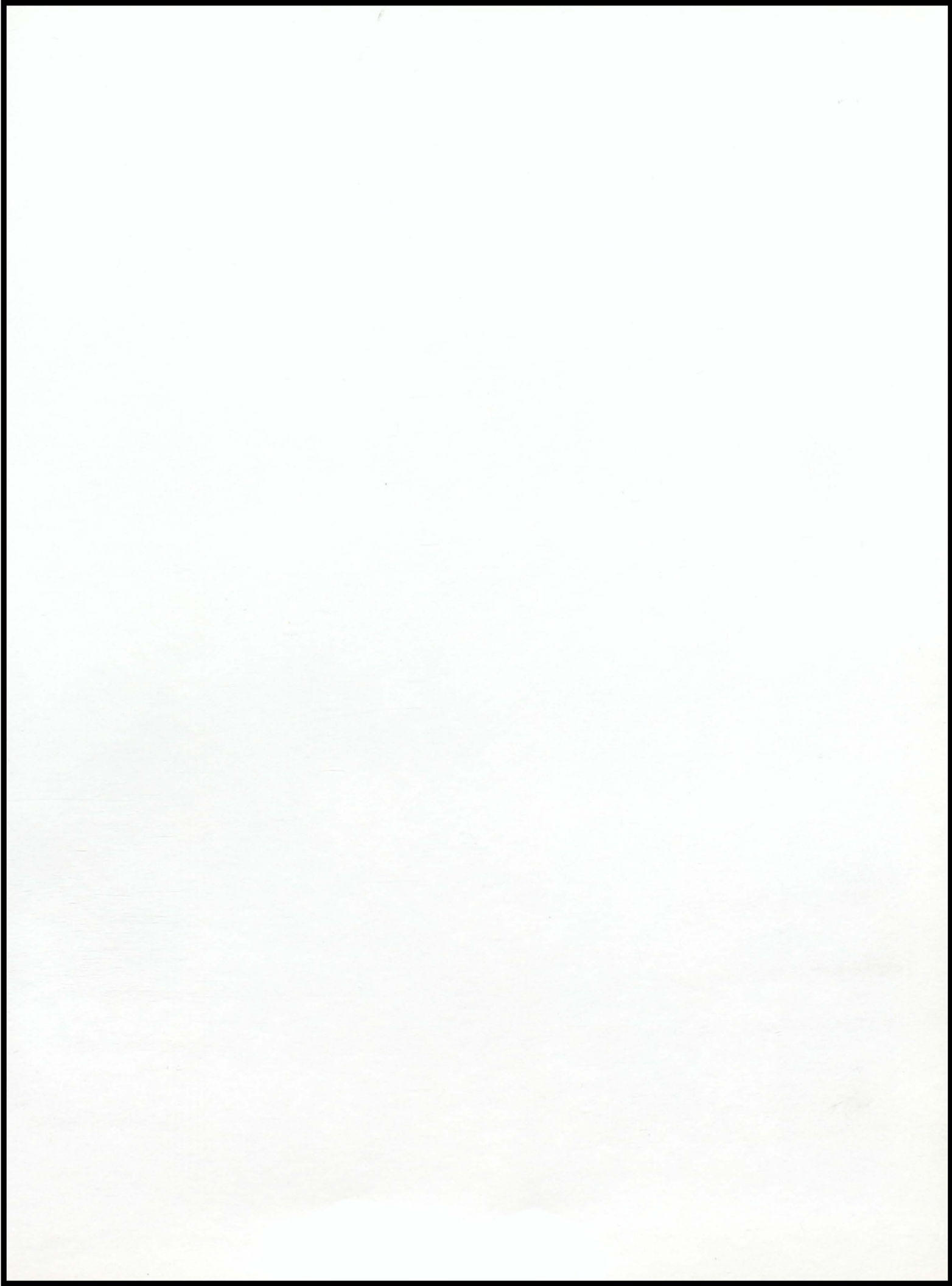
"This class was bittersweet for me. Yearbook was my favorite class, but yet my most dreaded class of the day. It was an adventure. We fought like enemies, but had each others back like friends. There was never a dull moment from fights, to laughs, to all of our inside jokes. This class will always be special and I'll never forget any of you. I never had Mrs. McKinney as a teacher before, but I'm so glad I did. She is one of the sweetest people I know. Thanks to all of my fellow 'Yerds' for everything. I'll miss you all," commented Adanna Oney.



"I never would have guessed how much Yearbook consisted of before this year, and I didn't realize how much dedication went into making these memories last for our school. I love that we're able to make something that people will look back on in 10, 20, and even 30 years from now. This class has taught me a lot, and so has Mrs. McKinney. Being a 'Yerd' is something that I will always cherish. My only regret is that I didn't join the class sooner," said Cody Bailey.

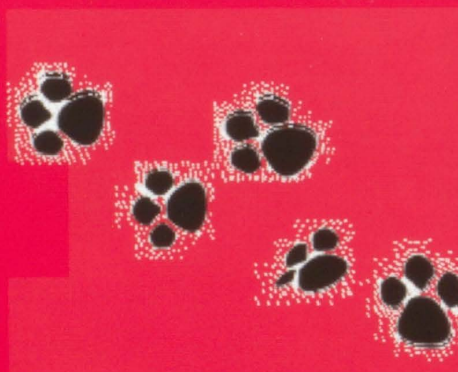
"Yearbook is one of the most important things to me during the school day. I love the feeling of accomplishment that we get as a class when we finally get to see our finished product. Yearbook has given me the chance to meet a lot of new people, who have since then become a family. I love all my 'Yerds' and I want to thank them for being there for me. I would also like to thank Mrs. McKinney for supporting me and pushing me to do my best," commented Miranda Retzlaff.





180 day challenge

"My biggest accomplishment of 2012 was getting to play in a varsity football game as a freshman."
- Kevin Fisher, 9



"Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there." - Will Rogers

"My biggest accolade in 2012 was being the #1 singles player in tennis."
- Anthony Zopetti, 11



By: Ashley Warren &
Michael Roth

"The best way to predict the
future is to create it."
- Abraham Lincoln

"It's not whether you get
knocked down, it's whether
you get back up."
- Vince Lombardi

"My main goal for
2012 was to be a bet-
ter person and to try
harder in school."
- Katelin Gilbert, 11

"In 2012, my favorite mem-
ory was winning the Rens-
selaer Relays in girls' swim-
ming. I got to hoist the
trophy in the air."
- Caitlin Roth, 10

"My favorite memory
of 2012 was winning
a Conference champi-
onship in football"
- Chase Sizemore, 10

"My most memorable
achievement was re-
ceiving the Academic
Honors Diploma."
- Shelby Hurst, 12

